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The European Commission and its implementing partner "Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund" (ASB) completed infrastructure projects in Bjelovarsko-bilogorska County

The repair of the technical and social infrastructure in the Town of Daruvar, municipality of Sirac and municipality of Dulovac, financed by the European Union and implemented by the Office of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB), is another integral step in the ongoing European Union Reconstruction Programme for Return (Europska Unija Program Obnove za Povratak - EUPOP). This programme is aimed at accelerating multiple-way return and reintegration, encouraging the reconciliation process and revitalising the regional economy in the Republic of Croatia.

The priority of the EU reconstruction programme in the Republic of Croatia, apart from housing projects and economic assistance, is the repair of the public infrastructure since it is necessary to provide conditions for sustainable reintegration by meeting the future needs of the population and to facilitate economic revitalisation.

The repair of the electricity network and two transformer stations in the town of Daruvar and two pump stations in the municipality of Sirac will significantly improve the living conditions and create a solid base for the regional development of the eastern part of Bjelovarsko-bilogorska County. Additionally, the repair of the Community Centre in the village of Batinjani, the municipality of Dulovac, is of crucial importance to strengthen support for local civil society initiatives and to back their contribution to the reintegration of refugees and the reconciliation process at the local community level. The total costs of these projects amounts to € 150,000.

Since 1996, ASB has implemented € 67 million worth of EU-funded projects in Croatia, reconstructed more than 3,067 destroyed housing units and carried out numerous projects in the field of public, social and economic infrastructure as well as mine-clearance.

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