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**The European Commission and its implementing partner  
"Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund" (ASB)  
donate a saw mill to the carpentry workshop in Petrinja**

One of the priorities of the EU reconstruction programme in the Republic of Croatia, apart from the housing projects, is the repair of the supporting 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 war damaged infrastructure is also an important factor in accelerating the multiple-way return and reintegration as well as encouraging the reconciliation process. Taking this into consideration, under the CARDS 2001 programme the European Commission (EC) and its implementing partner ASB donated a saw mill to the carpentry workshop of the "Privreda" company in Petrinja. This project was carried out in close co-operation with UNDP/UNOPS. The total value of this project is € 55,000.

Through this project, the company "Privreda" will increase its production, ensure its place on the international market and employ six new workers and additional four ones in the forthcoming three years.

Since 1996, ASB has implemented EU-funded projects in the Republic of Croatia for a total amount of € 67.5 million, reconstructed more than 4,000 destroyed housing units and carried out numerous projects in the field of public, social and economic infrastructure as well as mine-clearance.

*ASB invites media representatives to the inauguration of this project in the town of Petrinja on 25 May 2004. The inauguration will begin at 11:00 a.m.*

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