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The European Commission and its implementing partner "Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund" completed a water network project in Daruvar

The repair of the water network in Daruvar, financed by the European Union and implemented by the Office of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB), is anothe integral step in the ongoing European Union Reconstruction Programme for Return (Europska unija program obnove za povratak - EUPOP). This programme is aimed at accelerating the multiple-way return and reintegration, encouraging the reconciliation process and revitalisation of regional economy in the Republic of Croatia.

This project is a part of the EUPOP agreement implemented in the framework of the CARDS 2001 programme signed with the town of Daruvar on 22 October 2002. It includes the complete replacement of water pipes to the proper diameter values in Toplički and Vinogradski Dol Streets directly connecting 32 families to the water network, and the repair on the main pipe line by installing the frequency modulators on two pre-pump stations and one filter station covering the distance of 96,000 m.

The total costs of this water project amounts to € 40,000 and is carried out in partnership with the Utility Company Darkom, Daruvar.

Since 1996, ASB has implemented EU-funded projects in Croatia for a tota amount of € 67 million, 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.

On this occasion, ASB invites all representatives of the media in Croatia to attend this event which will take place on Wednesday, 26 March 2003. All invitees will gather at 9:15 hrs in front of the municipality building in the town of Daruvar and than proceed to the projects' sites.

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