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**The European Commission and its implementing partner
“Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund” (ASB)
complete infrastructure projects in Brestovac**

The repair of the war damaged infrastructure is an important factor in accelerating the multiple-way return and reintegration as well as encouraging the reconciliation process. Taking this into consideration, the European Commission (EC) and its implementing partner ASB have finalised the works on four infrastructure projects in the Municipality of Brestovac: the water system Gučani – Oblakovac, the community centre in the village of Deževci, the community centre in the village of Podsreće and the Educational and Research Centre Mavrović in the village of Slobošćina. The inauguration of these four projects will take place on 26 March 2004.

Since 1997, a total of € 11.7 million has been invested by the EC and ASB in Požeško-slavonska County. Five hundred eleven war-destroyed housing units have been reconstructed, reconnected to water, sewage and electricity and demined prior to reconstruction where necessary. Additionally, ASB has implemented 38 public, social and economic infrastructure projects in the Municipalities of Pakrac, Lipik and Brestovac in Požeško-slavonska County.

The Municipality of Brestovac was the eleventh municipality in Croatia to be included in the EUPOP programme (Europska Unija Program Obnove za Povratak). ASB invested a total of € 2.1 million in this Municipality on the reconstruction of 83 houses (category 4-6), 23 farming units, electrical networks in the villages of Rasna, Slobošćina, Oblakovac, Gornji Gučani, Podsreće and Crljenci as well as the four social infrastructure projects that are going to be inaugurated on 26 March 2004.

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 four infrastructure projects in the Municipality of Brestovac on 26 March 2004. The Inauguration will begin at 11:00 a.m. with the formal opening of the water network Gučani-Oblakovac, from there we will proceed to Deževci, Podsreće and finally Slobošćina.

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