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## The European Commission and "Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund" participate in the reconstruction of the Municipality of Sunja

The reconstruction programme in the Municipality of Sunja, financed by the European Union and implemented by the German NGO "Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund" (ASB) is another integral step in the ongoing CARDS 2001 programme aimed at assisting in the acceleration of return and reintegration of former Croatian citizens, encouraging the reconciliation process and revitalisation of the regional economy in the Republic of Croatia.

Under the CARDS 2001, ASB will implement projects related to the reconstruction of housing units, power supply, water supply, social and economical infrastructure in 26 municipalities throughout the country for the total amount of € 17.2 million. The Municipality of Sunja is one of six new municipalities throughout Croatia which has been included in the CARDS 2001 programme.

It is planned to reconstruct a total of 20 houses cat. 4 – 6 in this municipality. Other projects include reconstruction of water network in Gradusa Posavska and social projects such as the reconstruction of the elementary school. The investment planned for this municipality amounts to € 620,000.

***On the occasion of the signing of the first ten family contracts between ASB and beneficiary families, ASB invites all representatives of the media in Croatia to attend this event which will take place on Monday, 17 February 2003 at 11:00 hrs in the premises of the municipality building.***

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