

newsletter

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The biggest accomplishment of EU PROGRES is giving hope to the citizens of Priboj that they are not alone. This programme brings fundamental values of the EU closer to citizens of 25 underdeveloped municipalities, as well as to those that are not included in the programme, because the results and benefits of the programme are visible in whole Serbia.

Lazar Rvović
Mayor of Priboj



DEU Ambassador at the handover of the equipment for Preševo Maternity Ward with Minister of Health Slavica Đukić Dejanović and President of Coordination Body Zoran Stanković

More Efficient Functioning of Bujanovac Municipality Supported by EU

The Head of the Delegation of the European Union in Serbia, Ambassador Michael Davenport handed over QMS certificate ISO 9001 and EMS certificate ISO 14001 to the Mayor of Bujanovac Nagip Arifi, thereby making Bujanovac one of few Serbian municipalities in possession of these standards, owing to the support of the EU and the Government of Switzerland through the European Partnership with Municipalities Programme EU PROGRES.

The adopted standards imply quicker, more efficient and high-quality municipal services for the citizens of Bujanovac.

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Healthier Water Runs through the Pipeline in Sjenica

The asbestos pipes in part of the transitional pipeline for water supply in the centre of Sjenica were successfully replaced within the project financially supported by the European Union and the Government of Switzerland through the European Partnership with Municipalities Programme EU PROGRES. Thus, the quality of water supply was improved for around 2,500 households and over 100 companies in Sjenica.

Due to the dilapidated pipes made of asbestos and cement dating back to the sixties, the households in the centre of the municipality did not have stable water supply and the water leakage was substantial.

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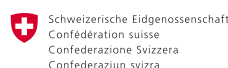
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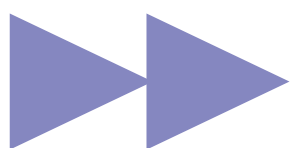
Educational Campaign "Find the Time" About Reproductive Health

Campaign "Find the Time" aimed at informing and educating the public about the importance of preservation and improvement of women's health has begun as part of the European Cervical Cancer Prevention Week in Vranje, Preševo and Bujanovac. The campaign is financed by the European Union and the Government of Switzerland through the European Partnership with Municipalities Programme EU PROGRES and implemented on-site by the agency "V+O Communication".

The campaign "Find the Time" includes a series of different activities that turn the public attention to the fact that caring about health is also caring about posterity, as well as that prevention is the best cure for healthy life. The students of medical faculty were handing out promotional leaflets and brochures on Saturday 25 January 2014 at the central squares in Bujanovac, Preševo and Vranje and advising the citizens on the importance of regular gynaecological examina-

tions and consequences of the lack of care about one's own health. Eight students were available to all interested persons for all the necessary information and questions on reproductive health and family planning.

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Women in the South and the South West Serbia Launching Own Businesses



Through the European Partnership with Municipalities Programme – EU PROGRES, the European Union and the Government of Switzerland earmarked 61,800 EUR and fund 17 projects of municipal gender equality councils and ten best projects supporting women's entrepreneurship.

The jury selected the ten best project proposals among the 36 submitted in response to the public call for project proposals supporting women entrepreneurship with start-up grants. Equipment worth 32,915 EUR will be delivered by end March 2014 to women launching their own businesses in Novi Pazar, Raška, Leskovac,

Prokuplje, Surdulica, Blace and Vranje. They will be sewing and tailoring clothes, growing mushrooms, making jewellery, keeping books, etc. With EU PROGRES' support, they have the opportunity to undergo training in accounting, taxes, company registration, marketing and management, which is delivered by the Vranje Business Incubator Centre experts. At least ten women will be employed through this project.

Twenty local self-governments submitted project proposals in response to the public call for gender equality council project proposals. A total of 28,800 EUR is used to fund the 17 selected project proposals

submitted by Priboj, Prijepolje, Nova Varoš, Sjenica, Tutin, Novi Pazar, Raška, Prokuplje, Žitorađa, Kuršumlija, Vranje, Vlasotince, Bojnik, Medveđa, Lebane, Bujanovac and Vladčin Han. These projects aim to: improve women's health, empower them economically and increase their participation in decision-making, as well as suppress violence and promote gender equality in the local communities. All activities will be completed by March 2014.

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Easier Employment with Modern Education

Textile and Leather Design School in Novi Pazar offers contemporary programme for adult vocational education in textile and leather industry. This programme enables students to become skilled workers in less than two months.

As a result of the project "Strengthening Vocational Education for Textile, Garment and Footwear Industries in Novi Pazar, Tutin, Raška and Sjenica", the school possesses the most modern machine park, equipped with new electronic machines used in the industry, the renovated building and a unique programme of adult education.

This project is financially supported by the European Union and the Government of Switzerland through the European Partnership with Municipalities Programme – EU PROGRES. It is implemented by the regional Sandžak Economic Development Agency – SEDDA, in cooperation with the Textile and Leather Design School in Novi Pazar, and the footwear cluster NP Shoes and the textile cluster ASSTEX.



Enhancement of Municipal Operation

Five local self-governments have been certified for **Quality Management System (ISO 9001)** and **Environmental Management System (ISO 14001)**, which will help the services for citizens to be faster, more efficient, clearly defining duties and responsibilities of the municipality staff and reducing administration costs.

Support to vulnerable and marginalised groups

Water supply system in the village of Jelašnica (Surdulica) was constructed and enabled access to drinking water for 400 Roma. IT and didactic equipment and furniture were provided to eight associations and two schools that work with the **sensitive groups**. **Regional Centre for Mentally Disabled Persons** in Novi Pazar was provided with the minivan for transport of 60 beneficiaries.

Highlights

November 2013 - January 2014

Infrastructure Development

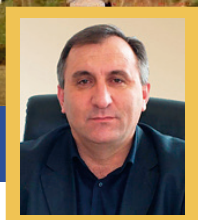
Five main designs for the construction of buildings in Novi Pazar settlement Eroziya are completed, creating conditions for **nine million Euros** investment. The **Technical Study of Underground Drinking Water Reserves for Raška Municipality** is also completed.

Support to Health Sector

Medical equipment worth **600,000 Euros** has been delivered to **11 health centres**. **Preševo Maternity Ward**, as the top priority of the Government of Serbia, received significant equipment which created conditions for the reopening **after 24 years**.

Environmental Protection

The **Waste Water Treatment Plants in Trgovište and Crna Trava** were constructed with support worth **424,000 Euros** and will improve the eco systems of the Pčinja and Vlasina Rivers and contribute to safer water supply. Over **1,700 people** were involved in **cleaning and street activities** within successfully campaign "Where is Your Threshold of Responsibility?".



Sjenica: Development Strategy Yielding Results

Hazbo Mujović, Mayor of Sjenica

Sjenica is usually mentioned in the context of its harsh climate, underdevelopment and poverty, which are accompanied by descriptions of it as one of the largest municipalities in Serbia, since it covers a territory of over 1,000 km.

Significant changes have occurred in Sjenica's rural and urban settlements over the past five years, thanks to the traditionally good inter-ethnic relations, the political stability of the coalition in power, and the municipality's well-designed development strategy and good organisation. A number of development projects have been success-

fully implemented with the support of the Government of the Republic of Serbia, foreign donors, various Funds and the European Union. Total investments in this period have exceeded 20 million EUR. Most of the funds have been invested in reconstructing the existing and building new road and utility infrastructure (local and regional roads, water and sewage network, village water pipeline, pump facilities and replacement of old and dangerous asbestos pipes in the town's water pipeline).

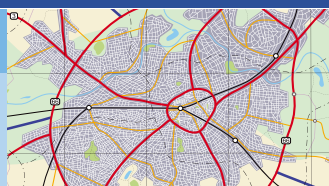
We have regulated the Grabovica River bed and raised the level of the quay to prevent

the reoccurrence of the 2009 disastrous floods. We contributed to improving the level of health care services by renovating the Out-Patient Health Clinic, procuring modern laboratory equipment and ambulance cars, opening a Dialysis Ward and investing in the medical staff. Significant funds have been invested in renovating the schools and providing transportation of the pupils.

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Good Governance



Municipal Management
and Development Planning



Infrastructure



Public Awareness and
Branding of Areas



European Union
14.1 million EUR

EU PROGRES Overall Budget is **19.9** million EUR



Gov. of Switzerland
2.9 million EUR



Serbian Govern.
2.9 million EUR

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