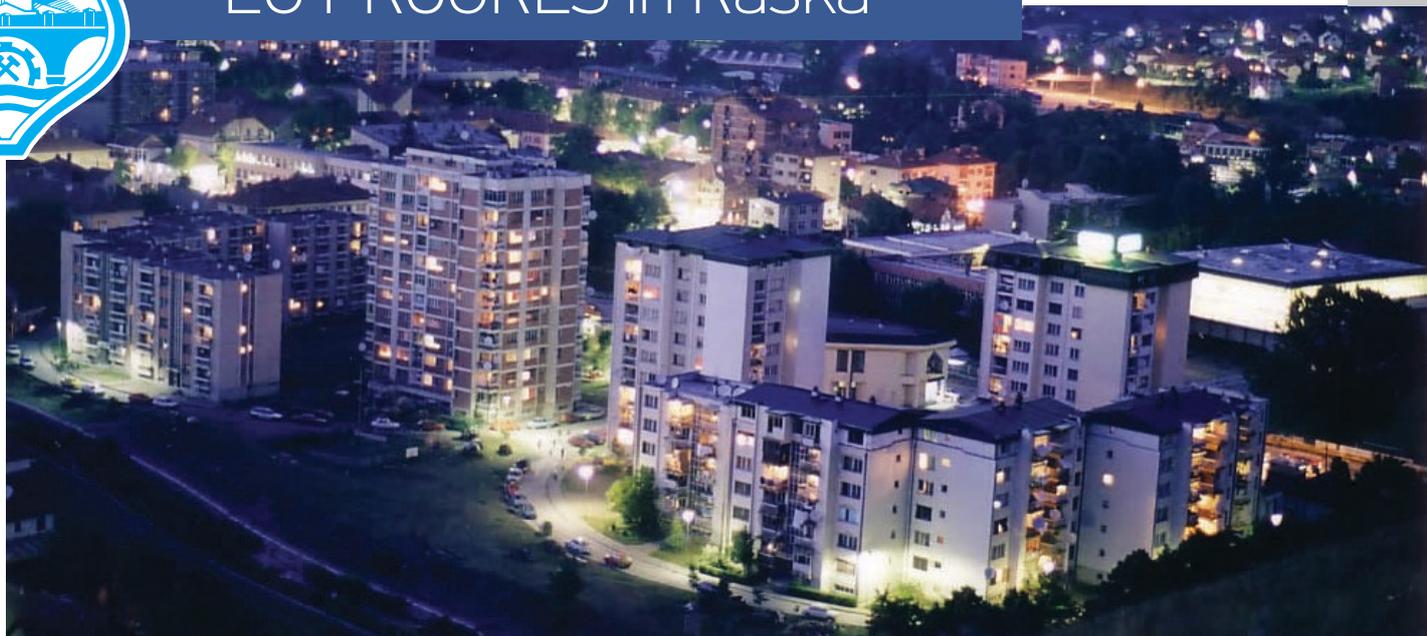




EU PROGRES in Raška

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BASIC INFO ABOUT MUNICIPALITY

Population:	24,678 people *
Geographic area:	670 km²
Average salary:	36,761 RSD
Unemployed:	3,649 people
Municipal Budget:	888,874,032 RSD

*Data as per the 2011 census



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Interesting facts about Raška

The nearby mountain Kopaonik was declared the National Park in 1981. It is also the highest and the best known ski centre in Serbia.

On the other side, the mountain Golija, which covers the territory of 75,184 hectares, is declared Biosphere Reserve, the first and only reserve in Serbia included in the UNESCO MAB programme.

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18 Projects

Number of projects approved



1 Inter-municipal project

Number of projects approved



571,761 Euros

Total value of approved projects



“While working together, EU PROGRES representatives and the municipality have learned many lessons and created the conditions that will ensure sustainability of 16 implemented projects, worth 660,000 Euros and hence positively impact the development of Raška.”

Jovan Čorbić
Mayor of Raška



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Craftsman Shop - A Step Towards Independence



The "Master Workshop - a Step to Independence" project was funded by the European Union and the Government of Switzerland through EU PROGRES with 6,155 Euros and provided furniture making tools and machines for employment of people with disabilities.

During nine months, ten young men with developmental disorders mastered the elements of workshop sketches, and familiarized themselves with safety measures and the proper way to handle tools and machines under the watchful eye of their training master. Subsequently, they were ready to produce furniture - a table with drawers, a computer table, cabinet and an upholstered bench.

So far, 29 people with disabilities were employed on carpentry related work and four people got jobs in other fields.

LIST OF EU PROGRES PROJECTS IN RAŠKA

Good Governance	Municipal Co-funding	EU PROGRES funds	Status
<p>"Boat Race TVRĐAVA-Bond of Youth and Tradition" The "Fortress Boat Race", was established as a traditional event in 2011, and every subsequent year it had significant increase in the number of participants. The brochure "Fortress Boat Race – Medieval Culture and the River Ibar" was prepared and distributed at the Tourist Fair in Belgrade, promoting the tourist potential of the area. Ten sets of safety equipment for rafting purchased and a picnic area was arranged.</p>	4,367 Euros	8,307 Euros	 Completed
<p>"Craftsmen Shop- Towards Independence" Ten young men with disabilities have passed theoretical and practical training for the creation of simple parts of furniture, while the Association for work with People with Disabilities was equipped for work with wood. Overall, 29 people had temporary employment on carpentry related work and increased income in their families.</p>	-	6,155 Euros	 Completed
<p>Establishment of Primary Separation of Waste in Elementary School 'Raška' As a result of placing the recycling bins in the Elementary School "Raška", the waste disposed at the town dump has been reduced by 45% within 18 months from the project end. In two actions 11 tons of paper was collected. The School also established a workshop for the production of items from the recycled materials (plastic pots, flowers). By selling its products, pupils collected 1,990 Euros to help a sick friend.</p>	4,478 Euros	4,547 Euros	 Completed
<p>Culture for Rural Area By opening two Folklore Association branches in the villages, at least 65 young people from underdeveloped rural areas were provided with new quality options to spend their free time. In addition, this project improved the technical requirements of the ensemble premises in Raška, purchased the new folk costumes and enabled research of traditional dances, songs and costumes of Gornja Pčinja. For its successes, the Folklore Association won a prestige award "The national heritage guardians" at the Radio Television of Serbia competition "Šljivik".</p>	-	9,807 Euros	 Completed

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<p>Gender Equality in the service of Development Raška officials took part in trainings aimed at capacity building of municipal administration to promote women's rights, gender equality, and greater participation of women in the decision making processes. As a result, the Local Action Plan for Gender Equality was adopted by the Municipal Assembly.</p>	-	2,200 Euros	 Completed
<p>Economic Empowerment of Women in Raška Nineteen people were educated for the national tourist guide and 16 women for creation of souvenirs. The souvenirs are sold online, through a Facebook group "Devojke iz Raške".</p>	-	3,298 Euros	 Completed
<p>Directed Economic Empowerment of Women in Raska Municipality This project supported local Gender Equality Mechanism through increase of employability of women from rural areas through provision of targeted trainings. Fifteen women got certificates for computer skills and preparation of project proposals.</p>	210 Euros	1,954 Euros	 Completed
<p>Supporting Women Entrepreneurship with Start-up Grants This project supported female entrepreneurs through provision of equipment for ordination for providing dental services and craft and tailoring craft shop.</p>	-	7,000 Euros	 Completed
Municipal Management and Development Planning	Municipal Co-funding	EU PROGRES funds	Status
<p>Detailed Regulation Plan for Suvo Rudište The plan determines the rules of development, construction, protection and use of part of the complex "Suvo Rudište", which is a tourist area of national interest within the National Park Kopaonik. It creates legal and planning basis for issuance of location and building permits, as well as for the formation of parcels for public use.</p>	4,596 Euros	40,676 Euros	 Completed
<p>Improvement of services of Citizens' Assistance Centres The branches of the Citizens' Assistance Centre were opened in Baljevac, Biljanovac and Jošanička Banja, allowing 8,000 citizens to obtain service in the local community offices instead of having to travel between eight and 30 kilometres to town. For them, this intervention approximately saved 18,240 Euros of travel costs.</p>	5,600 Euros	8,000 Euros	 Completed
<p>General regulation Plan for Jošanička Banja The Plan enables issuing of the construction permits and contributes to the overall development of Raška municipality, with a special focus on sustainable use of thermal resources and attraction of investors in the field of tourism and health services.</p>	-	20,000 Euros	 Completed
<p>Programme budgeting and capital investment planning Programme budgeting helped the Municipality of Raška to improve the efficiency of spending and, simultaneously, ensure more efficient oversight of spending. The five-year capital investment plan, which includes 12 capital projects, enabled Raška to take a systemic approach to capital investment planning and facilitate their access to external funding sources.</p>	-	32,000 Euros	 Completed
Infrastructure	Municipal Co-funding	EU PROGRES funds	Status
<p>Main design for the recycling centre The main design outlines conditions for the construction of the recycling centre and introduction of waste separation procedures and facilities. It was a precondition for activities regarding the implementation of the integral system of waste management.</p>	2,829 Euros	21,097 Euros	 Completed

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<p>Construction and equipping of the kindergarten As a result of enlarging the working space of the kindergarten by about 680 m², 120 children have been enrolled and the waiting list ceased to exist. This also enabled employment of 16 new members of staff. The first phase of the construction was financed by the National Investment Plan during 2010 with over 145,000 Euros. Following the completion of the first phase, EU PROGRES funded the second phase and finishing of the construction works with 98,170.67 Euros.</p>	53,928 Euros	174,224 Euros	 Completed
<p>Project and technical documentation for the Waste Water System for the national Park and Tourism Centre Kopaonik This project improved the basic communal infrastructure for sewerage in the Kopaonik Tourist Centre. The documentation should enable the construction of the waste water treatment plant, as well as expansion of the waste water system network in stages in accordance with the concept of the Tourism Centre development.</p>	-	115,000 Euros	 Completed
<p>Technical Study of Underground Drinking Water Reserves The technical study identifies new water sources and allows the public utility company to plan the long-term water supply for Raška's 20,000 inhabitants.</p>	-	55,600 Euros	 Completed
<p>Main Design for sewage collectors in Jošanička Banja This project contributed to the overall solution for waste waters within the Kopaonik National Park. Since the main design is completed, the PUC can start the construction works. According to the project design, all waste waters from Banja and surrounding villages should be collected and conveyed by two collectors to the waste water treatment plant.</p>	-	14,181 Euros	 Completed
Branding of Areas	Municipal Co-funding	EU PROGRES funds	Status
<p>Support to the organization of festival "Raške duhovne svečanosti" Festival was supported through provision of accommodation, food and transportation for participants.</p>	-	5,715 Euros	 Completed
Total for all projects	76,008 Euros	529,761 Euros	
Inter-municipal projects	Municipal Co-funding	EU PROGRES funds	Status
<p>Flood protection measures in the Raška River Watercourse Following the preparation of the technical documentation for anti erosion and flood protection measures for the River Raška and its tributaries, the construction works should contribute to the regulation of the watercourse. The material damage costs caused by these floods only in Novi Pazar amounted to million Euros in 2013.</p>	-	421,249 Euros	 Completed
Total for all inter-municipal projects	-	421,249 Euros	