



Bosnia and Herzegovina



Republic of Croatia



Montenegro



Republic of Serbia



Regional Housing Programme

# RHP Factsheet

June 2017



## MISSION AND BACKGROUND

The Regional Housing Programme (RHP) is a joint initiative by Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia (the Partner Countries). Its aim is to contribute to the resolution of the protracted displacement situation of the most vulnerable refugees and displaced persons following the 1991-1995 conflicts on the territory of former Yugoslavia, including internally displaced persons in Montenegro from 1999.

Besides providing sustainable housing tailored to beneficiaries' needs, the RHP also fosters the institutional capacity of the Partner Countries, which should be able in the future to address the housing needs not just of RHP beneficiaries but of their populations at large. Furthermore, thanks to its regional character, the RHP contributes to improving neighbourly relations thereby promoting security and stability in the region.

## BENEFICIARIES

As a consequence of the armed conflicts in the 1990s, over three million people were displaced both within and beyond the borders of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia. Over the past two decades, sustained efforts on the part of the four affected states, as well as support from the international community, have enabled the majority of those affected to return home or find other durable solutions. However, despite these efforts, almost half a million people remain displaced throughout the region.

The process of selecting beneficiaries is a crucial element of the RHP. Its purpose is to ensure that RHP housing units are provided to those refugees and IDPs that are most vulnerable and most in need. More than half of the close to 8 000 beneficiary families covered by the current RHP projects have already been selected throughout the four countries. Potential beneficiaries are informed about the RHP thanks to the wide information campaigns conducted by the Partner Countries since March 2013, in close coordination with UNHCR and OSCE.

## STAKEHOLDERS

RHP consists of four individual Country Housing Projects which are implemented by the Partner Countries. RHP is primarily a donor funded programme; donor funds are held in the so-called "RHP Fund". In addition, the Partner Countries also participate with national contributions. The European Union is the largest Donor to this initiative having pledged EUR 232 million, out of a total of EUR 271 million pledged to date. Other Donors to the RHP Fund are the U.S., Germany, Norway, Italy, Switzerland, Denmark, Turkey and Luxembourg. UNHCR and OSCE are tasked with helping the Partner Countries identify eligible beneficiaries, monitoring their selection and overseeing that they receive adequate protection. As such, these institutions play a crucial role in monitoring that the RHP provides sustainable housing solutions to those beneficiaries most in need.

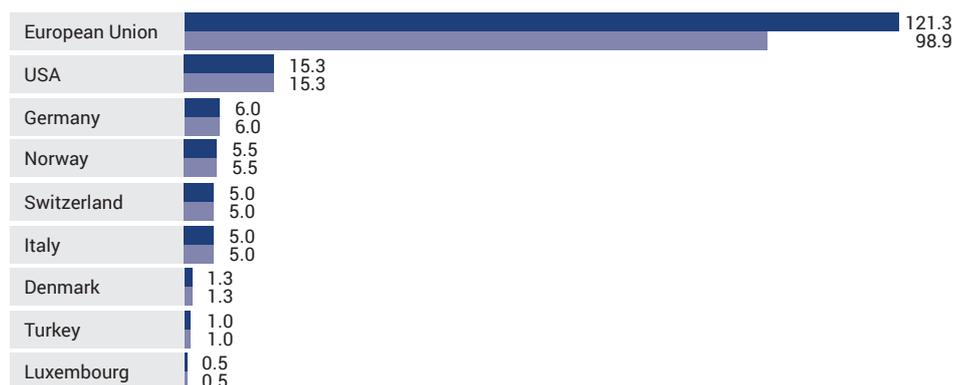
The Council of Europe Development Bank's (CEB) roles include managing the RHP Fund and Programme implementation, including the Technical Assistance. CEB is also in charge of RHP coordination activities between all stakeholders.

## CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTED AND PAID INTO THE RHP FUND

(in EUR million, at end - May 2017)

**Total committed: EUR 161 million**

**Total paid in: EUR 138 million**



## MILESTONES

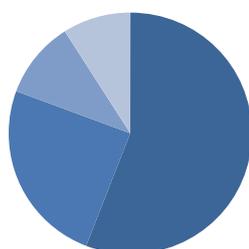
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APPROVED PROJECTS	PROGRESS TO DATE *
22 Projects approved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>458** packages of building materials delivered</li> </ul>
7 900 Number of households concerned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>91 flats completed in 2 new buildings</li> </ul>
23 000 Number of beneficiaries concerned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>88 flats purchased</li> </ul>
€ 186 million Total estimated cost of approved projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>64 pre-fabricated houses completed</li> </ul>
€ 155 million Total approved grant amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>127 houses reconstructed</li> </ul>
€ 31 million Total national contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>435 village houses purchased</li> </ul>
€ 69 million Total grant amount disbursed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 construction sites inaugurated in 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2017</li> </ul>

## ON-GOING PROJECTS

	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	CROATIA	MONTENEGRO	SERBIA
Number of projects approved	4	6	6	6
Number of housing units concerned	1 942	328	481	5 215
Total national contribution for approved projects	€ 6.9 million	€ 4.8 million	€ 2.3 million	€ 16.8 million

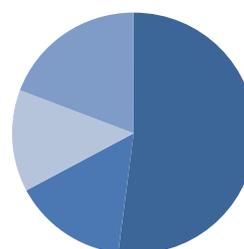
Grants approved



EUR 86.7 million ■ SRB  
 EUR 38.4 million ■ BiH  
 EUR 16.0 million ■ MNE  
 EUR 14.0 million ■ CRO

Total: EUR 155.1 million

Grants disbursed



EUR 35.8 million ■ SRB  
 EUR 10.4 million ■ CRO  
 EUR 9.4 million ■ MNE  
 EUR 13.2 million ■ BiH

Total: EUR 68.8 million

\*Figures at end May 2017

\*\* Including beneficiary households where the installation of building material is still ongoing

# HOUSING MODALITIES

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## CONSTRUCTION OF APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND PURCHASE OF APARTMENTS

Construction (or reconstruction) of multi-apartment buildings and purchase of apartments are best suited for beneficiaries who wish to re/integrate in the urban communities.



Construction of 40 apartments  
Knin, Croatia



Reconstruction of a home for  
75 elderly and disabled persons  
Glina, Croatia

## PROVISION OF BUILDING MATERIAL PACKAGES

Distribution of building material packages is the most appropriate modality to assist such beneficiaries who have already started the re/construction of their family houses but who need support in finalising the works.



Provision of building material packages to some 1 600 families  
throughout Serbia



Construction of 235 apartments  
Ovca, Belgrade, Serbia



Construction of 512 flats in  
multi-apartment buildings  
Bosnia and Herzegovina



Provision of building material packages to 20 families  
throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina

## PROVISION OF PRE-FABRICATED HOUSES

Pre-fabricated houses are an efficient solution designed for beneficiaries who already own their construction plot.



Construction of 62 apartments  
Niksic, Montenegro



Construction of 120 apartments  
Konik, Montenegro



Construction of over 300 pre-fabricated houses  
throughout Serbia

## RE/CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES

Construction or reconstruction of houses is the most suitable modality for beneficiaries who decide to either return to their place of origin or integrate in their local community and who own a house in need of reconstruction.



Reconstruction assistance to over 1400 families  
throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina

## PURCHASE OF VILLAGE HOUSES

Village houses are purchased for beneficiaries usually living in rural areas who wish to increase their self-sufficiency through growing their own vegetables and breeding livestock.



Purchase of over 800 village houses  
throughout Serbia



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## OUTLOOK

### LAUNCHING SECOND PHASE OF THE RHP

The new contribution of EUR 1 million from Germany at end 2016 and the planned new contribution from the European Union, amounting to EUR 84 million, will make it possible for the Donors to approve a number of new sub-projects in 2017 and 2018. These approvals will result in several thousands of additional housing solutions to be delivered by end 2020.

### CONTINUING WITH CLOSE REGIONAL COOPERATION

Close cooperation between the Partner Countries in the RHP framework enables them to find synergies in their work and to learn from each other's experiences, thereby boosting project implementation capacities. This close cooperation also fosters good neighbourly relations between the four Partner Countries and thus contributes to stability in the region. All stakeholders unanimously agree that the RHP has had a significant impact on improving the regional cooperation, security and reconciliation of people that were on different sides of the armed conflict 20 years ago.

### A PLAN TO DELIVER 3 000 HOUSING UNITS

2017 will be a key year for the RHP as up to 3 000 housing units are scheduled to be completed and delivered to eligible beneficiaries.

In addition to the completion of over 2 000 housing units thanks to the delivery building material packages, purchase of village houses, installation of pre-fabricated houses and reconstruction of houses in Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina the following construction sites are scheduled to be completed in 2017:

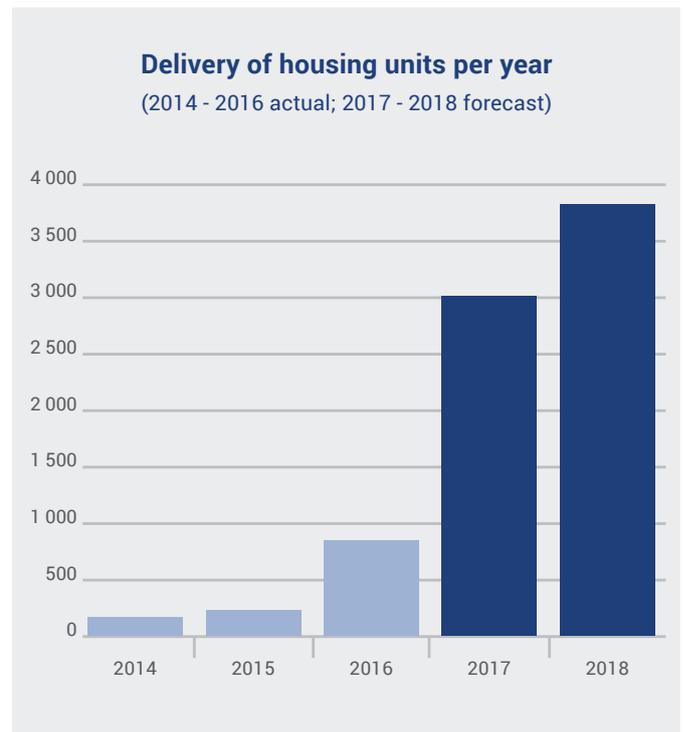
- **Construction of 12 apartment buildings**  
for 120 beneficiary families in Konik, Montenegro;
- **Construction of a Home for 68 elderly/ handicapped persons**  
in Pljevlja, Montenegro;
- **Construction of 2 apartment buildings**  
for 40 families in Knin, Croatia;
- **Construction of a Home for 75 elderly/ disabled persons**  
in Glina, Croatia;
- **Construction of a residential building**  
for 21 families in Benkovac, Croatia;
- **Construction of an apartment complex in Ovca, Belgrade**  
that will provide housing to 235 families.

### BOOSTING PROGRAMME SUSTAINABILITY

With the vision to always strive for a stronger social impact and while the Programme is advancing rapidly with the delivery of houses, RHP stakeholders have agreed to step up efforts to improve the sustainability outlook of the Programme. In this light, they have decided to focus on the three fundamental aspects of sustainability: technical, social and economic. The objective is to ensure that housing is connected to basic infrastructure, facilitates social integration and provides the potential for self-sufficiency.

### ENHANCING PROGRAMME VISIBILITY

A large number of events are planned in all four countries to celebrate the delivery of keys to RHP beneficiaries. Several photo exhibitions, publications and short films will also be produced. They will present to a wider audience RHP beneficiaries and their lives before and after access to their new homes.



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The Regional Housing Programme (RHP) was set up to provide durable housing solutions to vulnerable refugees and displaced persons following the 1991-1995 conflicts on the territory of former Yugoslavia. The RHP is implemented by Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia and mostly financed by the international donor community. The main donor is the European Union. The other donors are the United States of America, Germany, Norway, Italy, Switzerland, Denmark, Turkey, Luxembourg, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania and the Slovak Republic.