



Reconstruction Implementation Commission
for Orthodox Religious Sites in Kosovo

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THE RIC CONFIRMS COMPANIES APPROVED BY THE HOLY SYNOD AND WORKS TO COMMENCE ON A FURTHER NINETEEN ORTHODOX RELIGIOUS SITES

The Reconstruction Implementation Commission for Orthodox Religious Sites in Kosovo (RIC) confirms today that companies have been selected by the RIC in direct response to the second round of tenders issued by the RIC. The Holy Synod has approved the RIC's recommendations and site possession has been granted to nineteen Orthodox Church sites (listed below). Contracts have been signed and these companies are in the process of mobilisation and site set up to implement the necessary works for protection and consolidation measures. The RIC has also agreed upon the appointment of supervisors who will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the works and will be reporting directly to the Commission.

These newly contracted works, in addition to the works ongoing on the 11 sites tendered in the first round in September 2005, complete the phase of protection and consolidation measures. This is the first crucial phase of a longer term reconstruction and rehabilitation programme, and is expected to be completed before the end of this year. To date, works on site are progressing smoothly, following the projected time schedule and quality standards as set by the RIC.

The RIC is grateful for the cooperation and good working relations of all its participating partners.

These sites are:

Church of the Holy Virgin Ljeviska. Prizren
Church of St Nicholas. Prizren
Church of St Saviour. Prizren
Old Church of St George. Prizren
Church of St Kyriake. Prizren
Monastery of St Joanikije at Devic. Skenderaj/Srbica
Church of St Elias. Vushtrri/Vucitrn
Church of St Sava. Mitrovica/Mitrovice
Church of St Andrew. Podujeve/Podujevo
Church of the Birth of the Holy Virgin. Softe/Softovic. Ferizaj/Urosevac
Church of the Holy King Uros. Ferizaj/Urosevac
Church of St. Peter and St. Paul. Talinoc/Talinovac. Ferizaj/Urosevac
Serbian Town Cemetery. Ferizaj/Urosevac
Church of St Elias. Varosh/Varos Selo
Church of St John the Baptist. Peje/Pec
Church of the Presentation of the Virgin in Belo Polje. Peje/Pec
Church of St. Peter and St. Paul. Istok/Istog
Church of St Michael. Shtime/Stimlje
Church of St Kyriake. Rahovec/Orahovac

The Reconstruction Implementation Commission for Orthodox Religious Sites in Kosovo (RIC) was set up in May 2005 by the Council of Europe, the European Commission and UNMIK to oversee restoration of 34 sites damaged in March 2004.



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