



Reconstruction Implementation Commission  
for Orthodox Religious Sites in Kosovo

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## PRELIMINARY COORDINATION MEETING OF THE RECONSTRUCTION IMPLEMENTATION COMMISSION

A preliminary coordination meeting of the Reconstruction Implementation Commission was held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2006. The meeting was attended by Bishop Teodosije (Serbian Orthodox Church representative on the Commission) and Minister Astrit Haraqija (Minister of Culture, Youth & Sports). The meeting was also attended by the Commission members, representatives from UNMIK, Council of Europe and chaired by Ms Emma Carmichael.

All outstanding issues concerning financial payments from 2005 were discussed by the Commission and the MCYS has confirmed that these matters will be dealt with as a matter of urgency in cooperation with the Commission.

It is expected that the lead roof repairs to Holy Mother of God Ljeviska Church in Prizren will be tendered in the following weeks. The Commission will meet officially during the second week of May following the approval of the amended Terms of Reference. At that meeting a proposed programme of work for the reconstruction of Serbian Orthodox churches, particularly within the regions of Pristina and Prizren, will be agreed and announced.

The ongoing work of the Reconstruction Implementation Commission is strongly supported by the European Commission, Council of Europe, PISG and UNMIK and has been given the additional support of the European Agency for Reconstruction for two religious sites in Prizren.



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