



Reconstruction Implementation Commission
for Orthodox Religious Sites in Kosovo

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RECONSTRUCTION IMPLEMENTATION COMMISSION PROGRAMME UPDATE - 2006

The Commission confirms that the lead roof repair works to the Church of the Holy Virgin Ljeviska in Prizren are complete following the theft of the original lead in the Autumn of 2005.

Reconstruction works have begun to the Church of St Nicholas, Pristina; Episcopal Church of St George, Prizren; and the Monastery of Joanikje at Devic, Skenderaj/Srbica. The works involve the reconstruction of new roofs for St Nicholas and St George as well as external repairs and the reconstruction of the Old Konak at the Monastery of Joanikje at Devic. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by December 2006.

Tenders were launched in early August for reconstruction works to:

St Elias in Vushtrri/Vucitrn
St Nicholas belfry, priest's house and baptistry in Pristina
Church of the Holy Virgin Ljeviska in Prizren, belfry works
Monastery of Joanikje at Devic in Skeneraj/Srbica, internal church repairs
Church of the Presentation of the Virgin in Belo Polje/Bellopole, internal church repairs
Old Church of St George in Prizren, internal repairs

The Commission meets this week to evaluate the tenders and it is expected that works will begin this month.

The European Heritage Days in Kosovo will be an opportunity to increase public awareness of the work that is being carried out by the Commission. A leaflet has been prepared by the Technical Unit with the support of the Council of Europe and information panels will be installed outside a number of the sites identifying the works completed and in progress and those partners committed to the reconstruction process.

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.



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