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### **200 million KM for reconstruction**

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**The state Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees will provide 62 million KM this and next year. The rest of the funds for reconstruction and sustainable return are to be provided by municipal and cantonal budgets.**

MOSTAR – The state Committee for Refugees and Displaced Persons met in Mostar yesterday. The Committee’s president Ivica Marinovic stated that around 200 million KM will be invested in reconstruction of destroyed housing units.

The state Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees will provide 62 million KM this and next year through projects SUTRA 1 [TOMORROW 1] and SUTRA 2 [TOMORROW 2], projects of 30 municipalities, OPEC Fund project, and the Development Bank of the Council of Europe. The rest of the funds for reconstruction and sustainable return should be provided by municipal and cantonal budgets.

### **Mostar at the center of Committee’s focus**

Asked whether certain areas of our country will receive priority for future reconstruction, Marinovic answered that the committee identifies its priorities according to strict criteria, in order to avoid past mistakes and unequal and non-transparent distribution of funds.

“The state committee has elaborated criteria for selection of priority areas. These criteria take into account two facts: level of destruction and level of interest for return. According to this information, we then rank the municipalities. Those at the top become our priority. We also have a methodology for selecting end users in an attempt to assure that funds are utilized transparently and efficiently,” explained Deputy Minister for Human Rights and Refugees Marinovic.

He concluded that Mostar would continue to be at the center of the committee’s focus.

“During the last four years we have successfully renovated 1164 housing units. Inasmuch as we wish to make Mostar a model for organizing the whole territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, it is logical that it will receive the full attention of the state Committee for Refugees and Displaced Persons,” emphasized Marinovic. (Excerpt)