

# 2007 discharge: European Agency for Reconstruction EAR

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**PURPOSE:** presentation of the final accounts of the European Agency for Reconstruction (EAR) for the financial year 2007.

**CONTENT:** this document sets out a detailed account of Agency's expenditure in 2007. According to this document, the final budget of the EAR, whose main head office is based in Thessalonica – Greece), amounted to **EUR 250.2 million** (compared to EUR 268.8 million in 2006).

As regards the staffing policy, the EAR officially set out 108 posts in its establishment plan. 83 are currently occupied + 165 local staff (154 currently occupied) and 29 contract staff (27 currently occupied) giving a total of 264 posts assigned to administrative and operational tasks of the Agency.

The principal operational activities in 2007 are as follows:

## **KOSOVO**

- social economic development assistance to minority communities;
- support for civil society and the media;
- support to the ministries of Justice, Internal Affairs, Local Government, Trade and industry, Agriculture, Energy and to border management bodies and municipalities;
- capacity building of Agency for European Integration and advice on EU compatibility and participation in the SAP;
- drafting of public procurement law, and support for developing a public investment programme;
- incorporation of publicly owned utilities;
- sustainable forest management and land utilisation;
- livestock breeding and development of food safety control systems;
- support for the energy, environment, professional training, transport sectors.

## **SERBIA**

- draft laws in public administration reform;
- supply of equipment and support to the police and the border police;
- support for Juvenile Detention Centres;
- introduction of capitation payment in state primary health care facilities;
- support for privatisation and training support for enterprises;
- support for the facilitation of FDIs;
- support for vulnerable groups including refugees and displaced persons;
- district Heating renovation and modernisation.

## **MONTENEGRO**

- support for refugee and IDP integration and support to civil society organisations;
- strengthen environmental management;
- upgrade road infrastructure in coastal areas;
- assist Public Administration Reform: police and prison reform;
- electricity utility unbundling/restructuring, energy efficiency strategy;

- providing management expertise to companies;
- animal identification and registration system and fishery resource management.

## **FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA**

- twinning support on Money Laundering, Corruption and Organised Crime, Statistics, Air Quality, Financial Control;
- completing the establishment of the National Animal Identification System;
- fostering performance of SMEs and development of Human Resource Development Fund; elaborating a National Transport Strategy;
- support for civil society organisations and municipalities;
- support for the elimination of industrial hotspots, municipal waste water management and healthcare risk waste management;
- support for the programming of the Pre-accession Assistance Instrument;
- support for the implementation of professional standards in prison administrations.

The complete version of the final accounts may be found at the following address: <http://www.eur.europa.eu/agency/agency.htm>