



Dear Sir/Madam,

At the beginning of every year since my appointment as President of the Coordination Body of the Government of the Republic of Serbia for the Municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja, I submitted to you a letter containing a report on what had been done in the previous year. I have the pleasure of informing you of the important results that the Coordination Body achieved, as well as of letting you know that we fulfilled the pledges given at the beginning of the previous year.

The most important success achieved in 2011 is the opening of a department of the Subotica-based Faculty of Economics in Bujanovac. The said faculty was opened in October, while 69 students enrolled in the first year of the studies, during which they would attend the classes in two languages, in Serbian and Albanian, respectively. The opening of the department is an example of systemic solving of the issue of higher education in South Serbia, as well as of the joint work of the Government of the Republic of Serbia's Coordination Body, the Ministry of Education and Science, the Government of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, the Albanian National Council, the municipality of Bujanovac, Novi Sad and Tetovo Universities and the Faculties of Economics from Subotica and Tetovo on providing conditions for the education of the young in a multiethnic environment.

In 2011, we began resolving the long-standing issue of the use of textbooks in Albanian. The Coordination Body, along with the Albanian National Council and the Ministry of Education and Science, provided spellers and workbooks from the Republic of Albania, as well as a specific number of textbooks for students from grade one to grade four. The solving of the issue of textbooks in Albanian shall remain a priority of the Coordination Body in the coming year.

By providing scholarships to the young from the southern Serbian multiethnic municipalities, another step forward was taken in implementation of the Government of the Republic of Serbia's project for their further integration into the country's social life. Five students with Albanian ethnic background and six with Serbian got matriculation books of the University in Novi Sad, as well as scholarships amounting to 45,000 RSD per month.

Scholarships to 233 secondary school students from Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja, who are without one or both parents and who had had at least good marks in the previous school year, were granted for the third time. 27 more scholarships were granted in 2011 than in 2010, while the scholarship amounts to six thousand dinars per month.

With the aim of strengthening economy in the municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja, the Coordination Body invested 260,500,000.00 RSD in the infrastructural projects in 2011.

In the municipality of Presevo, 104,100,000.00 RSD were invested in reconstruction and the asphaltting of the Zujince-Bustranje and Miratovac-Cakanovac local roads, in adjustment of the river bed in the village of Rajince, in reconstruction of roads in the „Zeleznicka stanica“ settlement, in reconstruction of „Braca Fraseri“ street, in renovation of the „Abdula Krasnica“ community center, as well as in the building extension of the secondary technical school „Presevo“.



In the municipality of Bujanovac, 87,996,510.00 RSD were invested in adjustment of the community center for the needs of a department of the Faculty of Economics, in the asphaltting of roads in the village of Konculj and of the local road connecting Nesalce with Vrban, Gornja Breznica with Donja Breznica, the roads in the villages of Baraljevac, Kustica and Rakovac, in renovation of the „Muharem Kadriu“ elementary school in Veliki Trnovac, in renovation of the first floor and in replacement of wood joinery at the „Naim Frasher“ elementary school, in resumed construction of the water-supply system in the village of Letovica, in construction of sewage in the village of Bozinjevac and in the asphaltting of pavements in Bujanovac

In the municipality of Medvedja, 38,100,000.00 RSD were invested in construction of the local Petrilje-Mrkonje, Cucki breg LC (local community) – Retkocer, Reka-Miksici, Petrilje-Cokotin roads, in maintenance of the small local roads, in construction of streets in Medvedja and Sijarinska Spa, as well as in further improvement of the sports hall’s parquet floor.

The Coordination Body and the Ministry of Health, in cooperation with the municipality of Medvedja, provided the funds for reconstructing the health center in Presevo for the needs of an out-patient maternity ward. Due to complaints lodged against the public procurement procedure, the said project, which is extremely important, wasn’t launched. The reconstruction of the health center in Presevo for the needs of the out-patient maternity ward shall remain a priority of the Coordination Body in 2012. It is expected that the extremely important project will be implemented by the end of 2012.

The Coordination Body provided over 15, 000,000.00 million RSD for the civil society’s projects this year as well. Two million RSD were allocated to the neediest residents of each of the three municipalities.

For the purpose of increasing employment, the Coordination Body, in cooperation with the institutions of the Republic of Serbia, made it possible for the employment policy to resume in the governmental institutions, the customs, the tax department and the inspection bodies. The Ministry of Interior announced an open competition for the basic police training, so that a new group of training beneficiaries began attending the training course in December 2011.

41.183.000,00 RSD were earmarked in the Ministry of Public Administration and Local self-Government’s fund for development of the local communities in the municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja. In Presevo, the funds were provided for repairing the roads in Strezovac and Slavujevac, for sewage in Cakanovac, for replacement of wood joinery in the “9.Maj” (the 9th. of May) elementary school in Reljan, and for construction of a kindergarten in the village of Asane in the amount of 20,183,000.00 RSD. 13,000,000.00 RSD were allocated to Bujanovac for funding the asphaltting of the road in Levosoje, the building of the pavement in the city center and for construction of an amphitheatre in Klenike. Medvedja received 8,000,000.00 RSD for financing the construction of local roads in the local communities of Rujkovac and Cokotin.

Those are some of the successes that we jointly achieved in 2011. I would like to say that the Coordination Body is going to continue pursuing its policy in the fields of education of and work with the young, employment and providing support to development of the civil sector. The Coordination



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Body is going to be particularly focused on developing economy and on making the economic development of the municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja possible.

May you have a lot of success in 2012.

Yours faithfully,

Milan Markovic

President