

## Improving access to drinking water in the village of Osečina-Belotić

- **Investor:** Czech Republic - Czech Development Agency, Ing. Michal Pastvinský
- **Contractor:** VHS Brno a.s.
- **Administrator:** MEVOS, spol. s r.o.
- **The period of realization:** 2011-2012

**The company MEVOS spol. s r.o. was the main coordinator and project administrator**

➤ **About the project (original situation, goals):**

The municipality of Osečina is located in the northern part of Serbia. More concretely, the municipality is situated alongside the arterial road between two cities of western Serbia, Valjevo and Loznica, approx. 32 km northwest of Valjevo. The total population of the municipality of Osečina is about 15,000 of which about 4,500 inhabitants live in the town as such. The area of the municipality is approx. 319 km<sup>2</sup>.

The aim of this development project was to connect the town district of Belotić to the drinking water distribution system of the town of Osečina. The main difficulties Osečina was facing in supplying drinking water due to a reduction in groundwater levels in wells that were the only sources of drinking water for the local population.



➤ **Implementation:**

Project collaboration with partners organization has started by the ceremonial signing of the contract with the Osečina Municipality on October 13th in the Belgrade ECO fair with participation of representatives of Osečina, company representatives VHS Brno, MEVOS,

ambassadorial advice Embassy of the Czech Republic in Belgrade, Pavel Svoboda, director of the CzechTrade Foreign Office in Belgrade and Dragan Andric, director of public utilities company JKP Osečina.



The project conducted preparatory and coordinating work to ensure piping material, fittings and other components for the building activities. The updating the implementation of the project was also done and the project received the building permit. Based on this permission, the construction and assembly works started. The Implementer prepared Strategy for long-term development of water supply and sewerage Osečina municipality which include the balance of the development of waterways, wastewater treatment and possible solutions of Waste water treatment plant, etc..



In 2012, the Osečina municipality requested the extension of the project, because of pumping sets accident at the gas station and CDA subsequently agreed to increase the project. The contract amendment for project expansion was signed based on communication protocol from

August. Project implementer has performed Based on this decision and support CDA, including the equipping wells with new technology as part of the project.

Another point of the project was an educational campaign to increase public awareness of the importance of environmental protection, water supply, waste management ... The leaflets were distributed as a part of an awareness campaign, which were connected with this topic and two meetings on this topic for the residents were organized in Osečina municipality.

The stakeholders meetings took part during whole project. The public was informed about the project and all activities carried out in accordance with the methodology of CDA.



The project was implemented in the village Osečina-Belotič, which was within two years of the project in accordance with European standards built less than 3 km long water supply. The project was designed to allow the connection of the local community and to future recipients could go on and on water supply tap other territories.

