Short History Of the Office

Due to the nature and complexity of the conflict, as well as the political circumstances caused by the fighting in Mostar, European Union Administration of Mostar (EUAM) headed by Mr. Hans Koschnick, was established following the cease-fire reached in this region in the summer of 1994.

Bearing in mind the extremely high degree of war damage in what used to be the industrial, economic and cultural centre of Herzegovina, the EUAM made a concentrated effort to restore infrastructure (water and electricity systems, telecommunication, housing, bridges, health and sports infrastructure, assistance to refugees). Around 300 million DEM were invested in physical reconstruction projects and in projects aimed at bringing the Croat and Bosniak communities together, and normalising community relations and life in the town.

In this period, one of the most important items of municipal legislation was passed – the Interim Statute of Mostar (February 20, 1996), according to which, Mostar was structured into six municipalities, governed by the joint City Administration.

The EUAM's efforts and civic activities were supported by the Western European Police (WEU), which was tasked to create the first post-war joint police force in the city. Their work can be regarded as an embryo of activities that were later continued by the UNMiBH upon their arrival in BiH.

In the summer of 1996, the EU Administrator Koschnick was replaced by Mr. Perez Casado, who helped organize the first post-war municipal elections in Mostar.

Following the elections, the EUAM Office was transformed into the Office of the Special Envoy for Mostar (OSEM). Sir Martin Garrod was appointed the Special Envoy, i.e. the Head of the Office which existed until the opening of the Regional Office of the High Representative (South) in Mostar in January 1997.

The last Head of the Regional Office of the High Representative (South) in Mostar was **Anatoly Dmitriyevich Viktorov** .

The Heads, in chronological order:

- July 2004 – July 2010 – **Anatoly Dmitriyevich Viktorov** * bosanski * hrvatski * srpski
- September 2003 – May 2004 – **Ambassador Jacques Andrieu** * bosanski * hrvatski * srpski
- Decembar 2001 – September 2003 – **Ambassador Jean-Pierre Berçot** * bosanski * hrvatski * srpski
- January 2001 – December 2001 – **Ambassador Colin Munro** * bosanski * hrvatski * srpski
- January 2000 – January 2001 – **Judge Finn Lynghjem** * bosanski * hrvatski * srpski
- October 1998 – September 1999 – **Ambassador Richard Ellerkmann**
- January 1997 – October 1998 **– Sir Martin Garrod**