

Substantial Completion of Property Law Implementation verified for Domaljevac-Samac, Vukosavlje and Orasje

The OSCE, OHR, UNHCR and CRPC would like to acknowledge and extend congratulations to Domaljevac-Samac, Orasje, and Vukosavlje for substantially completing Property Law Implementation. The substantial completion of Property Law Implementation is an important affirmation of the rule of law in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The review and verification of Domaljevac-Samac, Orasje, and Vukosavlje mark the final stage of the Property Law Implementation Plan in these municipalities.

Municipalities must meet a number of criteria to be verified as having substantially completed property law implementation:

- 1) Municipalities must solve all pending property claims to the effect that all properties were repossessed.*
- 2) Municipalities must continue to provide Alternative Accommodation (AA) to those who are entitled to it.*
- 3) Municipalities must ensure that sufficient administrative capacity has been allocated to deal with future claims and with cases returned from second instance bodies or the courts.*
- 4) Municipalities must ensure that information on solved claims is shared with the municipalities of displacement and with the CRPC.*

5) Municipalities must archive and protect all records according to the relevant Laws.

Substantial completion *does not* terminate the right of individuals to claim repossession of private property through the competent administrative bodies.

Verification of substantial completion is based on a close review of documentary evidence provided by the relevant housing bodies, providing of that they have fulfilled all their legal obligations related to property law implementation.