



The Tribistovo-Posušje soft loan project

In Posušje, in the canton of West-Herzegovina of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, it is not just the supply of drinking water that is in a bad way. The region also needs a suitable sewer system and a sewage-treatment plant to allow sewage to be disposed of. So far, only a small part of the municipality of Posušje (the name means “district poor in water”) has been connected to the water supply system. Domestic wells still play a large part in the supply of water.

If the region were to be brought up to the state of the art and to be supplied in the future with high quality drinking water, development work needed to be done on the water supply system. At the same time work is also being pushed ahead on a conceptual scheme for the sewer system, including the sewage treatment plant, to ensure that the routing of the two systems is optimised. To allow the project to be implemented, ÖSTAP Engineering & Consulting GmbH of Vienna worked out a refurbishment and development project for the water supply system and initiated soft loan financing. Around 2.5 million Euros were needed to cover all the costs for the supply of pipes, for parts of the system, for the supervision and management of the construction work and also for the vetting of the economics of the system.

The order for the supply of ductile pipes and joints was placed with TRM, because the terrain in the region – 90 kilometers to the north-east of Sarajevo – is difficult and mountainous and this is where the advantages that the VRS-T® joint has with regard to low-cost laying and thrust and tractive restraint can be made the most of. Between August and December 2008, 26,300 meters of ductile pipes – 72 lorry-loads – of 400, 300, 250, 200 and 150 nominal sizes were delivered to Posušje.