

Netherlands

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- The Good Farm project is a grant of € 1,000,000 under the program of support from the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to local communities in Serbia under a Memorandum of Understanding signed with the RS Government. The project included Nis with two demonstration farms and Sabac with 5 demo farms. Families from villages in the territory of the City of Nis with cow farms involved in this project received equipment worth € 50,000.

2003 – 2005

- In May 2003, the City of Nis embarked on the implementation of the More Beautiful Serbia Project, a temporary employment and vocational training project implemented jointly in the Republic of Serbia by the Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Policy, National Employment Service, UN Development Program in Nis, Belgrade and Novi Sad, the governments of Canada, Austria, the Netherlands and Greece, as well as the local governments of Belgrade, Novi Sad and Nis. The project aimed to train unskilled and unemployed people to work in construction jobs, thus enabling them to find employment more easily. Towards the end of January 2004 trainings began for builders, painters and carpenters, which were designed so that the unemployed person could successfully complete the job they were trained to do immediately after graduation. The training was completed by 81 unemployed persons and was conducted by the National University Pavle Stojkovic from Nis. The target group for this training was unemployed persons, 18 to 40

years of age, and with primary education. The project "More Beautiful Serbia" envisages that, primarily, small and medium-sized enterprises will be engaged in the execution of the works, which, on the basis of the contract on entrusted work, will have an obligation to employ certain percentage of the workers from those who have undergone this training. In Nis, 11 facades will be reconstructed under this project. The Dutch government provided \$280,000.00, the Austrian government provided \$100,000.00 and the participation of the City of Nis was \$197,000.00.