

**Project: “Reconstruction and rehabilitation of road IV- 10059 in the village of Gorno Tsarevo, in the Municipality of Blagoevgrad /1- 1 Sofia- Kulata/; deviation from road IV- 10064 and road IV- 10089 to the village of Gorno Tsarevo from km 1 to km 6 000 near the village of Marulevo, in the Municipality of Blagoevgrad.”**

**Beneficiary: Municipality of Blagoevgrad**

**Contract number: BG161P0001/2.1-02/2007/001**

The project has been implemented within Operation 2.1 (*Regional and Local Road Infrastructure*), Priority 2- “*Regional and Local Accessibility*” of Operational Program “*Regional Development*” 2007-2013.

Contract number BG161P0001/2.1-02/2007/001 for reconstruction and rehabilitation of road IV- 10059, and deviation from road IV- 10064 and road IV- 10089 to the village of Gorno Tsarevo was signed between the Municipality of Blagoevgrad and the Managing Authority of Operational Program “*Regional Development*” on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June, 2008. The project should be completed within 20 months.

The total costs of the project are 4 312 887, 50 BGN.

#### Aims of the Project:

- Improving the socio-economic connections between the local towns and the center of the municipality.
- Improving the accessibility to places of interest for tourists.
- Improving the quality of life in the Municipality of Blagoevgrad.

#### Achieved results:

- Modernized municipal road infrastructure in the Municipality of Blagoevgrad - safer roads, faster transport. The total length of the reconstructed roads is 11, 7 km.
- Road traffic through the reconstructed roads has been increased by 5% in comparison to 2007.
- Provision of better access for the population of the villages of Tsarevo and Marulevo to the main roads in the region.
- Easier access to the municipal center - the town of Blagoevgrad for the populations of the villages of Tsarevo and Marulevo and by this granting them better access to social, health and educational services provided there.
- Improved road infrastructure and transport links to places of interest for tourists (the capital repairs of the road to the village of Marulevo - with a total length of 5.7 km. - have resulted in better access to the many natural and cultural attractions located near the village).
- Improvement of the quality of life in the region.

