



<b>Project title:</b>	Construction of a High Security Prison in Kosovo
<b>Lead organizations:</b>	European Union Office in Kosovo and Government of Kosovo
<b>Implementing Partner:</b>	UNOPS
<b>Budget:</b>	€14.8 million

## High Security Prison

As part of European Union's support to Kosovo under 'Strengthening the Rule of Law', one of its project outputs includes the improvement of the Penitentiary System in Kosovo. For this, the European Union (EU), through its Office in Kosovo, the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Economy and Finance signed a Memorandum of Understanding in September 2010 to facilitate the Construction of the High Security Prison through the establishment of a Trust Fund that is managed by UNOPS as implementing partner. The project is funded by €8.5 million through EU, with a further €6.3 million of funding being provided by the Government of Kosovo.

The High Security Prison facility is being constructed near the village of Gërdoc/Grdovac in the municipality of Podujevë/Podujevo. The facility is designed to accommodate prisoners whose escape would represent a danger to the public or to national security.



High Security Prison 3D Layout

The project agreements were signed in November 2010. The construction phase commenced in August 2011, with a planned duration of 33 months. There is also provision for a further period of defects liability of 12 months. The project was scheduled to be handed over to the Ministry of Justice in April 2014 however the present date for handover is several months ahead of program and expected during December 2013.



High Security Prison Construction- September 2013

The project is being implemented far above minimal international standards for prison facilities and incorporates optimal standards that maximize the size of the cells and access to natural light, increased ventilation and welfare facilities. The complex includes the construction of 16 separate buildings and other work areas, including a gate lodge and gate house, detention blocks, administration, warehousing, kitchen and laundry, medical and educational facilities, rehabilitation workshops and visitor's facilities. When completed, the facility will accommodate an increased requirement of 390 prisoners.

UNOPS chose the FIDIC (International Federation of Consulting Engineer's) Lump Sum infrastructure contract on the project. The main Infrastructure contract is valued at over €10 million. Applying the FIDIC contract modality enhances efficiency, lowers risk and improves quality for all project stakeholders, as well as ensures fairness and transparency for the contractor. Additionally, these contracts can strengthen the capacity of local partners and contractors by offering industry's best practice experience.

## Project Achievements

Value Engineering, responsible health and safety practices, competent functionality, disaster risk reduction, robust procurement systems and a professional systematic project management approach; all contribute to sustainable operation and maintenance; these are key elements of the success of the High Security Prison (HSP) Project.



Through a strategic project management planning and procurement process, the project has been able to save over €2 million from the original estimated project budget. As a result, with the partners' advice and the approval of a functioning steering committee, the project was able to increase the size and overall functionality of the prison complex from 300 cells to 390 cells. The project has provided the highest quality in infrastructure and will deliver increased benefits resulting in improved functionality and sustainability for the Kosovo Correctional Service.

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