

**EAR/IOM Support for Stabilization of Communities Programme (SSC)
working towards better socio-economic prospects
of ethnic minority communities in Kosovo**



“Wafer Production” in Sušica/Sushicë

In November 2007, a European Commission Liaison Office representative Carole Poulaoec together with the EAR SSC Task Manager Samir Selimi and IOM Project Manager Panagiota Voidonikola, visited several projects implemented in the central and northern regions of Kosovo under the Community Stabilization Programme (CSP), an initiative that preceded Support for Stabilization of Communities Programme (SSC). On this occasion the delegation visited “Kindergarten-SUNCE” in Donja Gusterica/Gushtericë e Poshtme, “Greenhouse” in Staro Gracko/Grackë e Vjetër, “Cookies Production” in Staro Gracko/Grackë e Vjetër, “Wafer production” in Sušica/Sushicë, “Electrical workshop” in Plemetina/Plementinë, “Upholstery workshop” in Priluzje/Priluzhë and “Barbershop” in Gojbulja/Gojbulë.

The aim of the visit was to observe the field activities of this Programme. During the field tour, the delegation also witnessed the successful implementation of the SSC projects and recognized the important economic impact that this type of programmes play for the ethnic minority communities given its disadvantaged conditions.

The aim of the SSC programme is to create income generating and employment opportunities among ethnic minority communities thereby creating sustainable livelihoods. At the same time it intends to stabilize the socio-economic prospects of existing and returning minority communities and to foster an environment favourable to return. The SSC programme was launched in March 2007 with the financial support of European Union (EU) through European Agency for Reconstruction.