



## AUSTRIAN RED CROSS

### MONTENEGRO



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nationwide

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	Montenegro	Austria
Area in km <sup>2</sup>	13,812	83,871
Population (millions)	0.6	8.3
Rural population in %	40	33
UNDP Human Development Index	65	14
<b>Society</b>		
Languages	Serbian, Montenegrin Regional languages: Albanian	German Regional languages: Slovenian, Croatian
Religions	75% Serbian Orthodox, 15% Muslim, 3.5% Roman Catholic	73.6% Catholic, 4.7% Protestant, 4.2% Muslim, 2.2% Orthodox, 0.1% Jew, 12% without religious denomination
<b>Health</b>		
Life expectancy	74.0	79.9
Doctors per 10,000 inhabitants	206	37
Infant mortality per 1,000 babies	no data	4
Child malnutrition (< 5 years) in %	9	0
Adults with HIV/AIDS in %	no data	0.2
Access to safe drinking water in %	98	100
Access to sanitary facilities in %	87	100
<b>Education</b>		
Literacy rates in %	96.4	~ 100
<b>Economy</b>		
Main export products	Steel, aluminium, agricultural products	Machines, automotive industry, paper, metal, iron, chemicals, textiles
GNP/capita/year in USD	11,699	37,370
% of the population living on < 1,25 USD/day	no data	0
Unemployment in %	14.7	3.9
Inflation in %	3.4	3.2

Sources: UNDP United Nations Development Report 2009, German Federal Foreign Office, [www.cia.gov](http://www.cia.gov), [www.who.int](http://www.who.int)



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Since 2006, Montenegro, in South-Eastern Europe, has once again been an independent state. The declaration of independence came following a referendum and after leaving the federation with Serbia. The country, which is mountainous, is roughly the same size as Tyrol, in Austria. The exploitation of rich natural resources, agriculture and tourism are the most important sectors of the economy. The growth of the last years has been radically slowed down by the finance crisis. Unemployment is high in many regions, around 12% of people, most of them old and disabled, live in total poverty. Around 15,000 refugees from Kosovo, about a quarter of whom are Romanies, represent a particularly socially marginalised group.

The Austrian Red Cross (AutRC) started to work in 2009 with the young, self-contained Red Cross Society of Montenegro (MRC) in the key areas of disaster management, first aid and home care.

#### **Disaster preparedness, climate change**

More than 200 Red Cross volunteer disaster relief workers are being trained on local, regional, and national level. The AutRC has long experience through numerous trainings held during the recent years in the field of water & sanitation and hygiene in South-Eastern Europe. Another focal point is on raising awareness for the negative impacts of climate change. Policy-makers in governments and Red Cross Societies throughout the Balkans shall be sensitized for this subject.

Project duration: 2009-2011  
Cost: € 60,000

#### **First aid**

Among the most important activities that Montenegrin Red Cross wants to strengthen in the next years is conducting first aid courses for new drivers. Training material, a handbook and pedagogic material are being elaborated in a close cooperation with the AutRC training center and the AutRC regional branch of Burgenland.

Project duration 2009-2011  
Cost € 55,000



#### **Home care**

In the northeastern part of the country, which is particularly effected by poverty, two pilot projects are implemented: in each of them professional care-takers and volunteers provide homecare for 60 elderly unmated people in need. Thematic focus is on volunteer trainings and elaboration of standards of service delivery in remote rural areas of Montenegro.

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