

SOCIAL INITIATIVES ABROAD

Serbia



Opening ceremony for the mosaic decoration on the cupola of St Sava's Cathedral takes place in Belgrade

One of the major long-term investors in Serbian economy, Gazprom Neft runs large-scale social projects seeking to support national culture and preserve the country's historical heritage.

THE CHURCH OF SAINT SAVA MOSAIC DECORATION

The Company initiated and supported the mosaic decoration of the dome of the Church of Saint Sava in Belgrade. This is an architectural monument of Serbia and one of the largest Eastern Orthodox church buildings in the world. After three years of decoration work, the church was inaugurated in Belgrade in 2018. The opening ceremony was attended by Aleksandar Vučić, President of the Republic of Serbia, Sergey Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Patriarch Irinej of Serbia, and Alexander Dyukov, Gazprom Neft's CEO.

KUSTENDORF CLASSIC MUSIC FESTIVAL

Every year, Serbia hosts a festival of Russian classical music with the globally renowned film director Emir Kusturica as its founder and key mastermind. Gazprom Neft has been sponsoring the festival since its inception in 2013. For more details on the Kustendorf festival, see p. 132.

SUPPORT OF THE RUSSIAN HOUSE – RUSSIAN CENTRE OF SCIENCE AND CULTURE

The Russian House established in Belgrade back in 1933 is the oldest Russian culture centre abroad. The centre seeks to build tight cultural and international relations between Russia and Serbia and promote the Russian language, science and culture. In 2019, the Company donated a Steinway & Sons concert grand piano to the Russian House in Belgrade to mark its 85th anniversary.

Kurdistan Region of Iraq

In the region, Gazprom Neft runs a large-scale social programme focused on providing jobs to local residents at the facilities of Gazprom Neft and its contractors and professional training in the oil and gas sector. As part of the programme, 16 students and three PhD students from Kurdistan study at leading Russian oil and gas universities. In 2018,

the number of locals employed by the Company and its contractors in the region exceeded 400.

Other social projects in 2018 include electrification of Khasira and Mil Qasim villages, upgrade of the football ground and playground, purchase of equipment and medications for the hospital in Sarqala.