

The City Council of Bihac, with 16 votes in favor, 10 against and 2 abstentions, recently gave consent for the award of the concession for the small hydro power plant at the site of Martin Brod and Dobrenica.

Adopted decision given consent to the Government of Una-Sana Canton(USC) and the Ministry of Economy to launch the procedure for granting concession public tender, as well as any possible decision that adopt with regard to the subject matter of the concession. Mayor of Bihac Emdzad Galijasevic occasion of the decision of the City Council Bihac said that "it turned out to not be a priori against hydroelectric power plant without opinion of profession." If anyone of Una National Park, that is the town of Bihac, and we showed investment. But if we want to live from tourism then we must finally see which is the benefits from tourism and look for the higher levels of government to invest far more resources than a measly 250.000 Eur that now are allocated to the Una National Park, said Mayor Galijasevic.

On the other hand, reactions to the decision of the City Council Bihac from non-governmental organizations and citizens are negative and harsh. Activists Association ABC had made the city councilors submitted a petition of three thousands of signatures against, and after their decision, they expressed regret and announced that instead of tourist maps for the National Park Una now should stand signboard "Dolina centrala". Wife of the late founder ecologist "Unski biseri" Nurzekija Marjanovic told us it is very shaken and deeply disappointed to see that the life work of her husband and all the "Una biseri" thrown under feet, together with all the relevant scientific opinions which they collected".