

The Montenegrin Government has adopted the Information on the project of construction of HPP "Buk Bijela" and its potential impact on the preservation of the Durmitor National Park. It states that all information about this hydropower project on the Drina River, which is a joint project of Republika Srpska and Serbia, should be sought.

"Having in mind the latest media allegations that indicate that all necessary documentation is being rapidly obtained by Bosnian-Herzegovinian institutions, ie that it has been announced that the Republika Srpska authorities will issue construction permits for the construction of the mentioned hydro power plant in December this year or early next year, "It is necessary to take a number of steps in order to obtain the necessary information and carry out concrete activities at the bilateral and multilateral level," the government said in a statement.

On July 23, 2019, the Montenegrin Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism requested in a letter that an "Environmental Impact Assessment Study for the construction project of the Buk Bijela hydropower plant on the Drina River with relevant technical documentation" be submitted in order to implement all requirements of the Espoo Convention. "on cross-border impact on the environment, but the documentation was not submitted to Montenegro even after the urgency to the competent department of the Republic of Srpska.

Also, the Montenegrin National Commission for UNESCO in June this year addressed the State Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina with a request to submit all relevant documentation and information on the project, so that Montenegro could see the impact on the Tara River Canyon and Durmitor National Park, however, the answer has not yet arrived.

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