

So far, 10 construction permits have been issued illegally and 3 procedures have been initiated to decide on the environmental impact assessment without the conditions of the state and city Administration. The conditions referred to by Linglong are the conditions issued by the Administration for the purpose of drafting the Detailed Regulation Plan of the work zone "Southeast II - A", which cannot be used for the purpose of building the factory since for all works and facilities documentation requires special conditions of the Administration.

According to the information received by RERI from the Provincial Institute for Nature Protection, neither the City Administration of the City of Zrenjanin nor the competent authorities in the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina addressed this institute, despite the explicit legal obligation to obtain nature protection conditions for the construction of Linglong International Europe d.o.o.

Linglong was obliged to obtain the conditions of the Provincial Administration Office both in the procedure of issuing location conditions, which are an integral part of the construction permit, and in the procedure of deciding on the environmental impact assessment, which he did not do. On the other hand, if the investor failed to submit these conditions, the body conducting the procedure was obliged to obtain them in the prescribed procedure. The competent authority did not do so, and thus acted contrary to the provisions contained in the Law on Nature Protection, the Law on Environmental Impact Assessment and the Law on Planning and Construction.

The public presentation, which was supposed to be held on September 4, was marked by the prevention of citizens by the City Administration of the City of Zrenjanin to attend it. In that way, the public was deprived of the opportunity to hear the answers of the creators of the study, as well as the comments and remarks of each person who sent them. To the citizens who sent objections, including RERI, the developer of the study subsequently, contrary to legal procedures, responded in writing, among other things, stating untrue allegations that all competent authorities were contacted through the unified procedure, and that the Provincial Office did not respond with the necessary conditions.

The City Administration of Zrenjanin asked for a period of 40 days to answer RERI's simple question - did it turn to the Institute asking for conditions for nature protection?

RERI has repeatedly pointed out illegalities in construction permitting and impact assessment procedures, which is why it has filed a total of 12 appeals against decisions of the competent authorities and initiated three administrative disputes seeking the annulment of illegal decisions.

Why are nature protection conditions important?

The conditions of the Institute are obtained when the investor uses natural resources, performs construction and other works, activities and interventions that may have a negative impact on nature, especially on the state of biodiversity of protected areas, habitats of protected and strictly protected species. The conditions of the Institute are especially important when we keep in mind that only 2 km from the location where the construction of the tire factory is planned there is a special nature reserve Carska bara which is a protected area of category I of international, national or exceptional importance, where 239 species of birds, of which 207 represent a strictly protected species. RERI also draws the attention of the competent authorities and the entire public to the fact that the construction of the tire factory in Zrenjanin is being carried out with hitherto unrecorded illegalities and abuse of public authority, violating the entire legal order of the Republic of Serbia.

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