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**Hydro power development within the territory  
of Mavrovo National Park  
(North Macedonia)**

**- REPORT BY THE COMPLAINANT -**

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Dear Madam/Sir,

Please find in this email a short update on the Mavrovo case file.

Regarding the cancellation of HPP concessions, please note that for Zhirovnica 5 and 6 HPPs the process is ongoing, as we reported in December 2023, however no resolution so far.

For Ribnicka HPP the process for the cancellation of the concession has not started. Neither has the project investor submitted any requests for re-allocation of intakes as previously mentioned by the Ministry of environment.

The study for valorisation of Mavrovo national park has been almost finalized and a public hearing was held on June 10, 2024 with all stakeholders. The zoning has not been officially presented. Based on communication with the Ministry officials, Ribnicka HPP is still within strictly protected zone (as in the previous Valorisation study).

The Law on nature is still not in process of amendments. The Water law has not yet been adopted by Parliament since its entry into procedure in 2022.

Hope you find this update useful for the upcoming Bureau meeting,

Best

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