

Factsheet 11:

Rrapun 3, 3A&4 HPPs:

Cascade development: Water lost in steel pipes

<p>Description</p>	<p>On 11.09.2009 the Council of Ministers decided to grant the concession of Rrapun 3, 3A & 4 to the joint consortium of “C&S Construction”, Ferrar ltd and Gjikhuria ltd (winner of concessionary). After changes in the ownership of the concessionary, the shares were transferred to C&S Construction (2%) and Ekovepra ltd. (98%) On 5.05.2015 the consortium registered for the management of the concession the C&S Energy ltd, received the construction permit from the NTC. Indeed, Ekovepra ltd is fully owned by EnergjiaEkologjike ltd and the latter is fully owned by the Albanian Autocephalous Orthodox Church. The local habitants are referring it as the “Janullatos hydro-power plants”, linked with the inauguration ceremony where the Archbishop himself attended the event on 2 August 2016.</p> <p>The construction of the HPPs 3&4 in Rrapun were initially planned as run-off-river without much impact, but later changed and introduced a dam in the middle of Rrapun river and then a diversion pipe long 2.4 Km from the dam to the powerhouse Rrapun 4. The project has been associated with protests from local habitants of Darez commune in Togež village. The habitants have raised many concerns for the destruction of Rrapun river taking all the water of the river through pipes, causing loss of fauna, erosion of land, earthquakes during tunnel explosion and property issues. The habitants of Togež village were the ones to first initiate protests in Librazhd area addressing the local authorities, MPs and Government due to the threat imposed to their local economies from the HPPs development. A petition of 118 signatories has been delivered to Vice Prefect MehemtBicaku on 12.12.2013, case filed with district prosecution office and a property related issue (D.Gj) is registered in the district court. Local environmental organizations, such as Egnatia are regularly monitoring the situation in the ground and it results that there is no biological or ecological water left in the river. There is no fish pass and the flora is destroyed. Soil erosion has already started to appear, witnessed also during a field visit on 3 December 2016. Company was working with 1/3 of its capacity in December 2016, where it is supposed to work in full power. Basically there is no water and the company is collecting water from more than one river as contract is stating in Qarrishta but also Gurakuq and Lunik Creeks.</p>
	<p>Skema e HEC Rrapun 1&2&3&4 Përgatitur nga autori E. Qëndro.</p>
<p>Basic data</p>	<p>C&S Energy</p> <p>The company established for the management of the BOT concessionary contract No. 2854 rep, nr. 383 Kol, date 11 September 2009. The shareholders are “Ekovepra” Its and C&S construction energy Its. Ekovepra results to be under the possession of <i>EnergjiaEkologjike</i> and the later are possessed by the <i>Autocephalous Orthodox Church of Albania</i>. The installed capacity is 9.9 MW and an expected output of 42.9 GWh. The project has built a dam with a height of 10m over Rrapun river with 4 gates and with volume of 60 thousands m³ of water. It gets water through pipes from Qarrishta river directly from the power house of Rrapun 2.²²The power house has 3 Francis turbines’ 3.3 MW each and the company has declared they did 411.850 m³ of excavations and soil filling.</p>
<p>Source of conflict</p>	<p>Water diversion -1st level of conflict</p> <p>Property issues and earthquakes from tunnel explosions - 2nd level conflict</p> <p>Environmental management - 3rd level of conflict</p>

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Project details and actors Project area Level of investment	HPP Rrapun 3, 3A&4 are owned by the Albanian Autocephalous Church and the investment is 790,361,249 All. - Togež village, local farmers; - Local Association Egnatia; - Ekolevizja Movement; - "Protect the Rivers" Movement
The conflict and mobilization	Street protest, lawsuit, complaint letters, petitions to Prefect, Minister of Environment, MPs, Prime Minister.
Conflict impact	
Conflict outcome	Constructed No institutional changes Not successful as the project was constructed without considering any community alternatives.
Sources and materials/References	

²² HPP Rrapun 2 belongs to another concessionary agreement and owned by the same shareholder C&S Construction Company who actually owns 2% of C&S Energy.