

Factsheet 1:

Community opposition to the EBRD-financed Ternove small hydropower plant in Albania

Description	In 2012 the EBRD approved EUR 6 million in financing for the 8.3 MW Ternove hydropower plant in Albania. The scheme diverts runoff water from four mountain lakes that have served for irrigation purposes and as a source of drinking water for the local villages. The communities learned about the planned project only when the company brought in the machinery and initiated clearing of the forest in 2013. Prior to commencing the works, the project promoter Teodori 2003 shpk had not consulted the local population despite the fact that the hydropower scheme limits the community's access to water and reduces their use of the grazing and forested lands upon which they base their live hoods. Such steps contradict the environmental and social requirements of the EBRD. The villages have complained about the depletion of the water resources to the local authorities, Ministries and the Ombudsman, demanding the works on the hydropower plant be halted. In response they were told the project progressed to such an advanced stage that no major changes to the design could be made. In 2014, the communities staged a series of protests that escalated into the construction site occupation and police arrests of protestors. In the light of cost overruns and delays on the project the investor has been seeking ways how to engage better with the local villages. Yet, the lack of timely consultations has seriously undermined the trust of the affected people.
Basic data	Teodor 2003shpk Installed capacity 8,385 KWh and expected production 56,935,350 kWh. Project water flow to be exploited is 1m ³ /s. The project was approved with CMD no.556, dated 1.08.2003 and revised with CMD no.123, dated 14.03.2007 which changed from 6 HPPs into only 1 HPP.
Source of conflict	Water sharing -1 st level of conflict
Project details and actors	Environmental impact - 2 nd level conflict The HPP Ternova is owned by Faik Teodori (30%), Shefikat Ngjela (35%) and Albania Hydro Investment Holding (30%) and TEODOR 5%.
Project area	The project is located in Valikardhe village, in Zerqan area, Bulqize.
Level of investment	18.500.000 EUR
The conflict and mobilization	Street protest, road blockage, police confrontation, petition to government, arrested people.
Conflict impact	Documented Water sharing; environmental impact; loss of landscape; black lake water diversion. Potential Lack of irrigation water; social-economic impact.
Conflict outcome	Constructed No institutional changes Not successful as the project was constructed.
Sources and materials/References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o http://balkanrivers.net o http://shqiptarja.com/aktualitet/2731/kunder-hec-banoret-sulmojne-kompanine-200-mije-euro-dem-219098.html o NUIS K42301006L, Historical extract from the Business Registration Centre.