

Factsheet 4:

HPP Cernaleve dries up water mills and deepens poverty of Cernaleve people

Description	On 30 April 2009, the Ministry of Energy signed the concessionary agreement No.1447 rep.nr.166 kol, for the construction of 4 hydro-power plants: HPP Borje, HPP Oreshke, and HPP Cernaleve & HPP Cernaleve 1. All the HPPs are located in Kukës District. HPP Cernaleve 1 exploits the water of Borje torrent, in Kukës District, that actually is put in operation with a capacity of 400 kW and after that it is predicted to work with an installed capacity of 2,950 kW. When the construction started the local inhabitants did not know about the project, were not informed or asked about the development. This led to several protests of the Cernaleve locals claiming that the use of their properties, pasture lands and forests by the company was done without consulting at all the people. On 12 December 2012, the local village staged another protest which led to the destruction of company assets and the arrestment of 3 women and one 15 years old boy. The local inhabitants complain that the company has taken all the water and the water mill of the village is not functioning to fill their local needs.
Basic data	Hidro Albania Energjishpk Installed capacity 6.73 MW and production 14,784 MW in 2014. The project was approved with the concessionary contract no.1447 rep.no.166 kol, dated 30.04.2009. It includes HPP Borje, HPP Oreshke, HPP Cernaleve and HPP Cernaleve 1. The projects are planned as diversion ones, deviating the water through channels and then to the power house.
Source of conflict	Water sharing -1 st level of conflict
Project details and actors Project area Level of investment	Pasture and agriculture destruction. - 2 nd level conflict HYDROALBANIA 27% and G.P.G Company 66%,InstitutiDekliada 7 %) Project value 7, 79 Million ALL. The project is located in Cernaleve village in Zapod commune of Kukës. Local inhabitants of Cernaleva village, local media.
The conflict and mobilization Conflict impact	Street protest, road blockage, police confrontation, petition to government, 4 arrested people (3 women +1minor). Potential Environmental impact; loss of landscape; pasture and forestry are destruction. Documented Social-economic impact. Water sharing; Lack of irrigation water.
Conflict outcome	Constructed No institutional changes Not successful as the project was constructed without taking into consideration local needs.
Sources and materials/References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o http://telegrafi.com/shishtavec-konflikt-per-ndertimin-e-hec-it/ o https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FrI6edh6N0c o NUIS K984202020 - Extract from the NRC on the historic register of the subject "Hidro Albania Energjishpk.