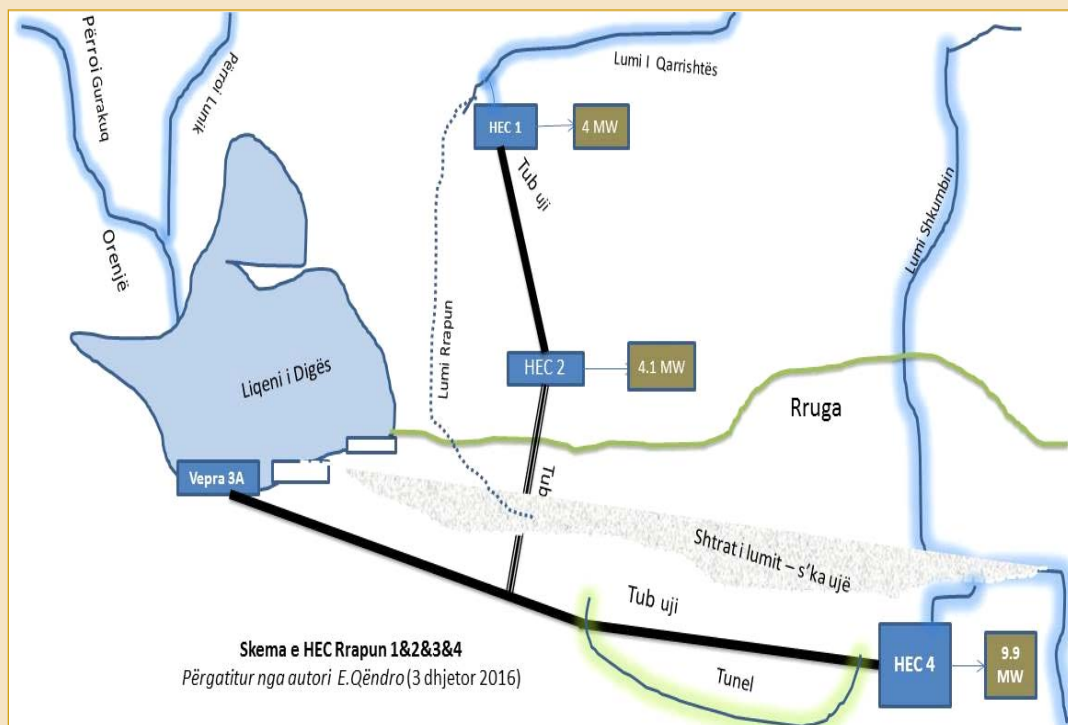


Factsheet 10:

Rrapun 1&2 HPPs:

Land usurpation and high erosion

<p>Description</p>	<p>The concession rights of HPPs Rrapun 1 and Rrapun 2 were taken by "C & S Construction Energy" company, under Council of Ministers Decision No. 717, dated 14.05.2008. The hydro-power plants are using the waters of Rrapun river through diversion methodology taking the water in pipes and then back to the river.</p> <p>The construction of the HPPs in Rrapun river 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, 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 Mehmet Bicaku on 12.12.2013, case filed with district prosecution office and a property related issue (D.Gj) is registered in the district court. Further, the company has blocked the road pass for the villagers through an unlicensed guard, with no ID badge and authority. The local NGOs, media and local habitants are questioned before they pass the public road otherwise blocked trespassing. Such a practice has turned out a normal phenomenon in Librazhd area in various HPPs.</p>
<p>Basic data</p>	<p>C&S Construction Energy</p> <p>The company established for the management of the BOT concessionary contract. The concession of Rrapun 1 and Rrapun 2 was granted to the company "C&S Construction" under Council of Ministers Decision no.717, dated 14.05.2008. The intensity placed is 8,250 KW, whereas the power is 44,650,000 kwh. The company is administered by Arjan Cukaj based on NLC.</p>



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Source of conflict	Environmental impact and national park -1 st level of conflict Water diversion - 2 nd level conflict
Project details and actors Project area Level of investment	Water management - 3 rd level of conflict HPP Rrapun 1&2 are owned by C&S Construction company administered by ArjanCukaj. The investments amount of these two HPPs is 6.140.000 EUR Togez village, local farmers; local NGO Egnatia, Ekolevizja; ECIM consortium.
The conflict and mobilization	Street protest; Lawsuit; Complaint letters; Petitions to Prefect, Minister of Environment, MPs, Prime Minister.
Conflict impact	Potential Environmental impact: landscape loss, fish and water fauna loss, destruction of river bed and erosion of lands. Potential Social –economic impact: tourism, irrigation system and sense of rive belonging to local people.
Conflict outcome	Constructed No institutional changes Not successful.
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