

# ATTENTION

SAVE EUROPE'S RIVERS - STOP THE DAMS!

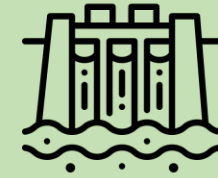
# DECISION MAKERS!



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**Environment**



**Energy**

# YOUR DEMANDS



**Human Rights**



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# Environment

- Tighten environmental standards: make EIAs for low capacity HPPs and the consideration of cumulative impacts obligatory by law.
- Establish a pan-European system for permanent protection for particularly outstanding and free-flowing rivers, modelled on the Vjosa Wild River National Park or Wild & Scenic
- Be strict! The laws and strategies are there, but we have to use them in real life
- Public Money for public benefit – River restoration!
- Include the reg cooperation mechanisms for protection
- Make sustainable & environmental education obligatory in schools in the EU member states
- Reduce Western/EU overconsumption



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# Energy

- Remove dirty hydropower from the list of renewable energy / exclude from renewable go-to areas
- Do not grant financiers support to new hydropower
- Do not define hydropower projects as being overriding public interest
- Do not exempt any renewable energy projects from EIAs, SEAs and appropriate assessment
- Better law enforcement and no weakening of existing environmental legislation for the sake of energy production
- Pursue clean energy alternatives like wind & solar – they outperform hydropower and don't devastate biodiversity, local economies or food security
- Think big, think realistic, think about the future – the future is not water energy





# Human Rights

- Protect environmental/river defenders (legally, security, livelihoods)
- Research and evaluate who is being affected
- Use legal tools that already exist
- Consider the local population as a key stakeholder in the river basin & assess the consequences of economic activities in the river area
- Environmental tribunals
- Include communities when developing renewable energy projects



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# Accession

- Support the protection of still intact rivers and wetlands by binding accession conditions
- Stop the EU based investors from destroying Balkan's nature
- Since the Balkan peninsula is the last large area of pristine nature and THE biodiversity hotspot, please focus on us and help us help nature – for all of us
- Make European partnerships feasible for foreign partnerships and funding accessible
- Rivers don't know boundaries – don't divide the Balkan countries and rivers!



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