



REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

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Subject: project "Increasing the amount of electricity generated from renewable sources by completing the works and ensuring the permanent monitoring of the environmental impact of the hydropower development of the Jiu River on Livezeni-Bumbești sector" in Romania

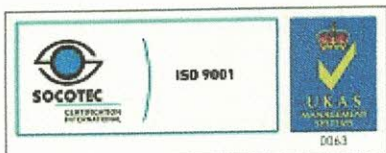
Dear Minister FECHET,

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your letter Reg. No. DGEICPSC/14407/03.08.2023 (received by e-mail only), which you are submitting to us for notification under Art. 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment (Espoo Convention) for the project "Increasing the amount of electricity generated from renewable sources by completing the civil works and ensuring the permanent monitoring of the environmental impact of the hydropower development on the river Jiu in the Livezeni-Bumbești sector", in Romania.

We would like to express our gratitude for having been notified of the project through the submission of the notification under Article 3 of the Espoo Convention and the attached Memorandum of Presentation.

The project provides for the completion of works for construction, installations and mounting of equipment for 3 new generation capacities with a total installed capacity of 65.14 MW. The proposed technology involves transporting water from the Livezeni Storage through an underground headrace (Livezeni-Dumitra), which continues with a penstock to the Dumitra hydropower plant. The flow is fully returned to the Jiu River, downstream of the Bumbești HPP.

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The main activities are expected to be construction works, installations and mounting of equipment for the project, interior and exterior finishing works of the HPP building.

From the site location survey it can be concluded that the future extension of the HPP in the Livezeni-Bumbești sector, is located away from the boundaries of the Republic Bulgaria – Danube River, at the town of Vidin, in its closest part, at about 140 km and over 150 km from the town of Kozloduy.

During the construction and finishing works and the subsequent operation of the power plant, accidents, incidents or technical problems may occur and the River Jiu may be polluted. In view of this possibility, it is advisable to include in the EIA report an emergency plan for the prevention of pollution of the waters of the river and hence of the waters of Danube River.

In accordance with Article 3 of the Espoo Convention, I would like to inform you that we wish the Republic of Bulgaria to participate in the EIA procedure in a transboundary context for the project "Increasing the amount of electricity generated from renewable sources by completing the civil works and ensuring permanent monitoring of the environmental impact of the hydropower development on the River Jiu in the Livezeni-Bumbești sector".

Please accept, Honourable Minister, the assurance of my highest consideration and readiness for successful future cooperation.

Sincerely,

***Julian Popov
Minister of Environment and Water***