

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Chinese AVIC to build HPPs on Bistrica

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The Government of the Republic of Srpska (RS) signed an agreement worth 100 million euros with Chinese company AVIC for the construction of three hydropower plants on the Bistrica river with combined installed capacity of 45 MW, during the official visit of RS Prime Minister Radovan Viskovic to China.

PM Viskovic said that a feasibility study should be developed, along with all other necessary procedures, which is expected to be done in six to nine months, after which RS could apply to get a bank loan. He also met with the representatives of the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) to discuss financing of the project.

In July, RS Minister of Energy and Mining of the Republic of Srpska Petar Djokic said that China National Aero-Technology International Engineering Corporation (AVIC) is interested in two hydropower projects in the eastern part of the RS, on the rivers of Bistrica and Janjina. AVIC representatives previously expressed interest in participating in the project for the construction of HPPs Buk Bijela, Foca and Paunci, all three on the Drina river, which RS is developing in cooperation with Serbia.