

Contract for the construction of hydropower plant Dabar will be signed within a month, said Prime Minister of the Republic of Srpska (RS) Radovan Viskovic.

PM Viskovic noted that the Government got information from the Chinese investor that they are ready to sign the contract. However, he did not wish to disclose any details regarding the contract until it is signed.

In January 2019, Hidroelektrana Dabar, part of ERS' subsidiary Hidroelektrane na Trebisnjici (HET), has launched an international tender for financing and construction of hydropower plant Dabar, a project worth some 188 million euros. The selected partner will be obliged to build a dam with embankments and an accumulation basin, a surge tank, a machine house, two 200 kV transmission lines and a drainage channel. The preferred model of financing is a monetary loan with a 15-year repayment period and a four-year grace period. The project partner is expected to provide 85 % or more of the financing, while HET will provide up to 15 %. HPP Dabar will remain in HET's sole possession following the construction which will last four years.

Future HPP Dabar is a part of hydroelectric system Gornji Horizonti, its planned power output would be 166 MW and its annual electricity generation should be about 250 GWh. The contract for the construction of the HPP has not yet been signed and the signing has been delayed for several times already. In early 2021, Prime Minister of the Republic of Srpska Radovan Viskovic said that the contract will be signed soon.