

In June, The House of Representatives of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina passed a decision to completely ban the construction of small hydropower plants. The Federal Government had three months for analysis of relevant legislation and to propose amendments to enable effective implementation of this decision.

The Government of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FBiH) adopted the information of the Federal Ministry of Energy, Mining and Industry on the conclusion of the House of Representatives of the FBiH Parliament and the Proposal of the declaration on river protection in FBiH, regarding the ban on the construction of small hydropower plants (SHPP).

The Government instructed the relevant Federal Ministries and Agencies to, within the next 30 days, prepare proposals for amendments to all regulations within their competence, in accordance with the conclusion of the House of Representatives of the FBiH Parliament, regarding the ban on the construction of small hydropower plants, and to send them to the further procedure of amendments.

Earlier this month, FBiH Government said that, as of 1 January 2021, subsidies for SHPPs will no longer be granted and funds allocated for this purpose will be transferred to other means of electricity production from renewable sources. Other adopted measures include mandatory application for environmental permit for projects above 150 kW, establishment of expert commission which will evaluate these applications and required minimum flow of water for the construction of such facilities.