

According to Montenegrin media, Chinese companies China Power and the State Development and Investment Corporation (SDIC) are interested in the construction of hydropower plants on Moraca river and their representatives will come to Montenegro in the following weeks to discuss this subject with local authorities.

In 2010, Montenegrin Ministry of Economy has published a pre-qualification tender for granting concessions for the construction of HPPs on Moraca river, but none of the qualified bidders have submitted their binding bid, so the tender was cancelled in November 2011. Italian company Enel and A2A in consortium with Montenegrin power utility EPCG have participated in the tender as qualified bidders, while Chinese Synohydro Corporation and Austrian Strabag have withdrew from participation.

In 2016, Ministry of Economy announced that several companies from China, Turkey and Slovakia are interested in the construction of HPPs on Moraca river and that Chinese Norinco and Turkish Bereket Enerji have already submitted technical solution for the project. The Government is interested in all proposal from investors, as long as it does not have to provide state guarantees for the project.

Norinco plans to build eight hydropower plants (HPP) on Moraca river with combined installed capacity of 293.6 MW and an annual electricity generation of 894.82 GWh.

Norinco's technical solution for Moraca river HPPs envisages the implementation of the project in two phases. The first phase includes the construction of HPP Andrijevo and HPP Zlatina, while the second phase includes the construction of HPPs upstream of HPP Andrijevo. A total of eight HPPs is planned, five of them will be built on Moraca river and another three on its tributaries (Mrtvica, Sjevernica and Mala Rijeka). Five HPPs on Moraca river are: HPP Gornja 1, HPP Gornja 2, HPP Gornja 3, HPP Andrijevo and HPP Zlatina.