

## Republika Srpska spatial planning minister assures Montenegro: Drina river hydro power plants do not have a negative impact on the environment



Minister for Spatial Planning, Civil Engineering and Ecology of Republic Srpska, Srebrenka Golic said that the draft study on the environmental impact of hydro power plants Buk Bijela and Foca on Drina River, showed that they do not cause a negative impact on the ecology of Montenegro and Republic Srpska.

“Republic Srpska would never allow the construction of power plants that would harm its citizens and citizens of neighboring countries,” Golic said after a meeting of the representatives of the Ministry of Spatial Planning, Civil Engineering and Ecology of Republic Srpska with the delegation of the Government of Montenegro when they presented this draft.

Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development and Tourism of Montenegro, Ivana Vojnovic said that Montenegro does not oppose the construction of these plants, but it will form an expert panel to analyze all aspects and possibilities of their negative impact.

“I believe that the Government of Montenegro will support the authorities of Republic Srpska not oppose the construction of the power plants” said Vojinovic.

Today’s meeting was also attended by representatives of the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining, Electric Power Industry, the Fund for Environmental Protection and the Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of the Republic Srpska.

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