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KRUŠČICA STANDING ITS GROUND

THE INITIATIVE TO PREVENT THE CONSTRUCTION OF SMALL HYDROPOWER PLANTS IN THE FUTURE NATURE PARK

CHARGED AND DISMISSED

The perseverance of the people – despite the brutal reaction of the police, the locals kept on blocking the bridge, the women were charged with violating public order and peace and assaulting a police officer for having blocked the bridge – the court dismissed the charges against the women of Kruščica.

PROHIBITED

The lawsuit filed against the investor for non-compliance with the urban and environmental permit issuance procedure was successful and the construction of two small hydropower plants (of the 4 planned) has been prohibited – the court's decision on re-trial is still to be announced.

JEPOARDIZED!

If the 4 small-scale hydropower plants are constructed in Kruščica River, the local population's access to water is jeopardized – the water supply system for the town of Zenica (about 100,000 people) relies on the Kruščica river source and there is no water supply in the village.

NON-TRANSPARANCY

Violation of legal procedures with regard to the environmental permit issuance, a complete non-transparent operation of the local community governing body, local authorities and investors, and the public was not involved in the decision-making.

REMOVED FROM DUTY

Former representatives of the local community that approved the construction of hydropower plant have been removed from duty.

EQUALITY

For the first time, national representatives of the majority peoples of B&H, women and the Roma community are represented equally in the newly established governing body of the local community

ROUND-THE-CLOCK WATCH

Since 2 August 2017 (345 days), the population of Kruščica kept a round-the-clock watch (women during the day, men in the evening) over the only bridge that leads to the construction site in order to prevent the construction of hydropower plants.

SUPPORT

The Eko Bistro association was founded and its getting capacity building support from WWF Adria, its supporters of Kruščica will soon be allowed to become members.

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