

Draft position paper on natural resources

Focus on river management and flood risk management

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Purpose of the position paper

- ETNAR group of NGOs took the task to present position on threats and consequences of floods and non suitable management of rivers.
- The purpose of PP is to generate wider support on these issues in the region.

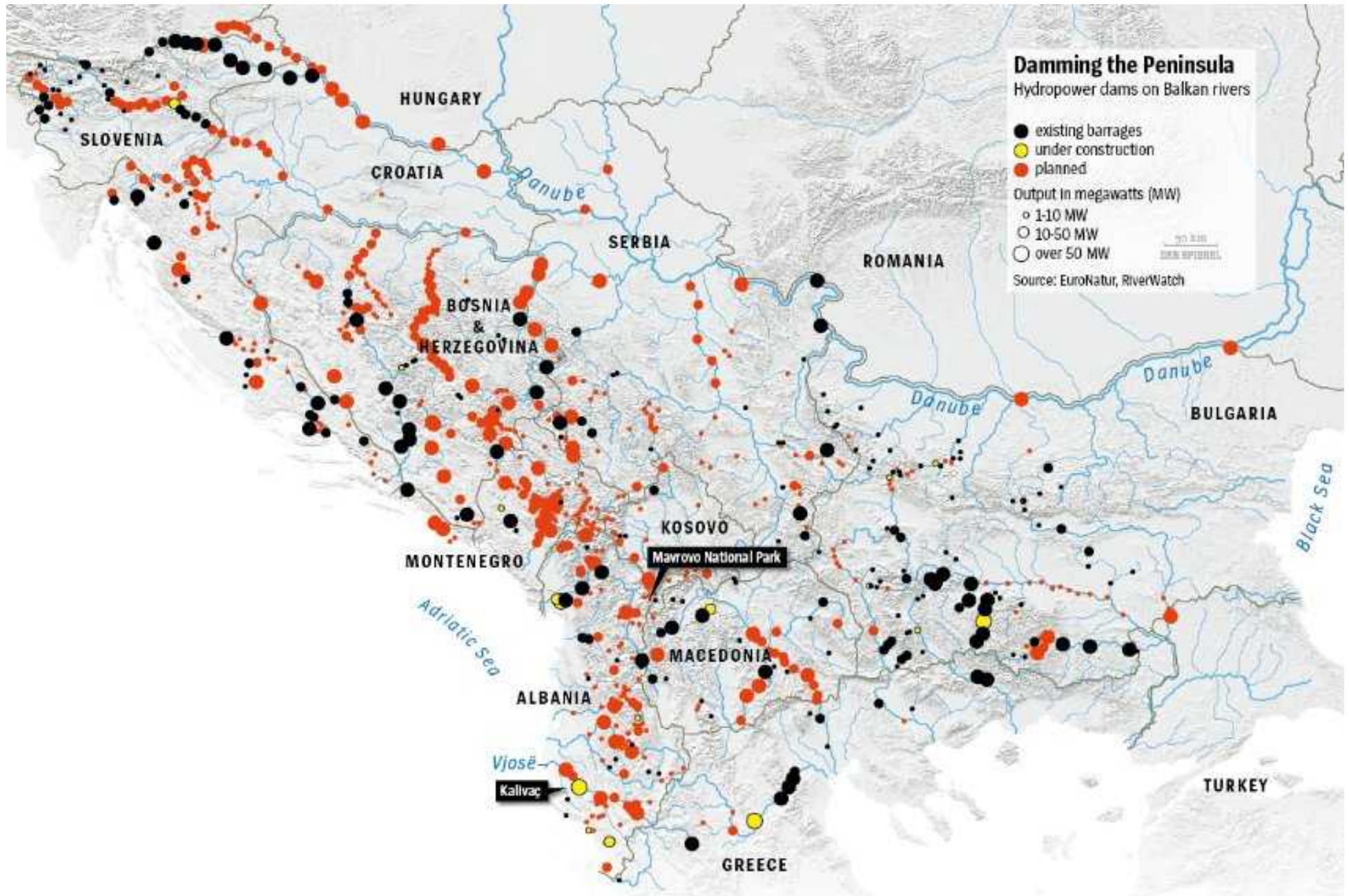
Floods as a recent motive for the regional reaction



Floods as a recent motive for the regional reaction

- The recent floods affected most of the countries in the region
- Floods and landslides cannot be easily predicted
- Enormous damage for environment and material goods - difficult to measure
- Forced by the effects of climate change

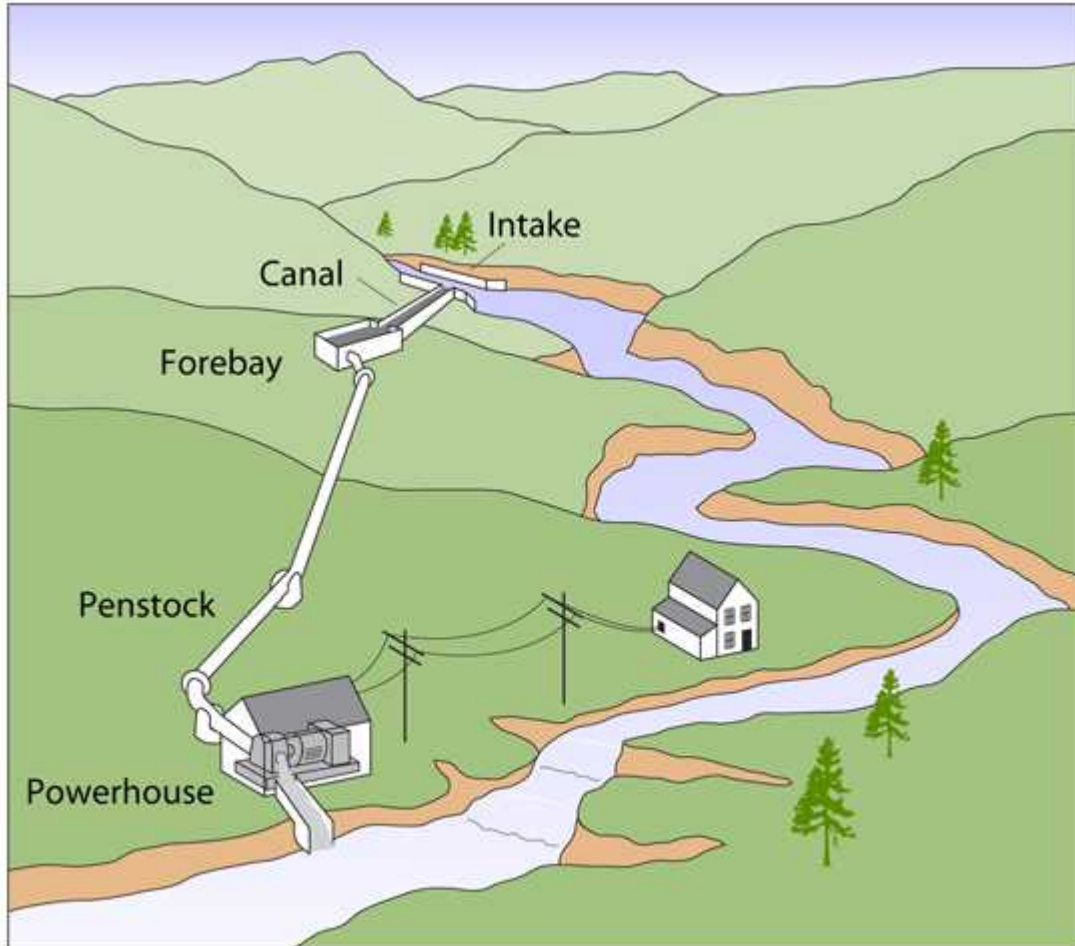
Hydro power plant expansion



Hydro power plant expansion

- Need for strategic approach and SEA
- Need for careful consideration of the location of new HPPs before proceed further
- Need for criteria for the concessions on HPP
- EIA should be based on ground and fresh research instead of desk and old analysis.

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Threats for the water management

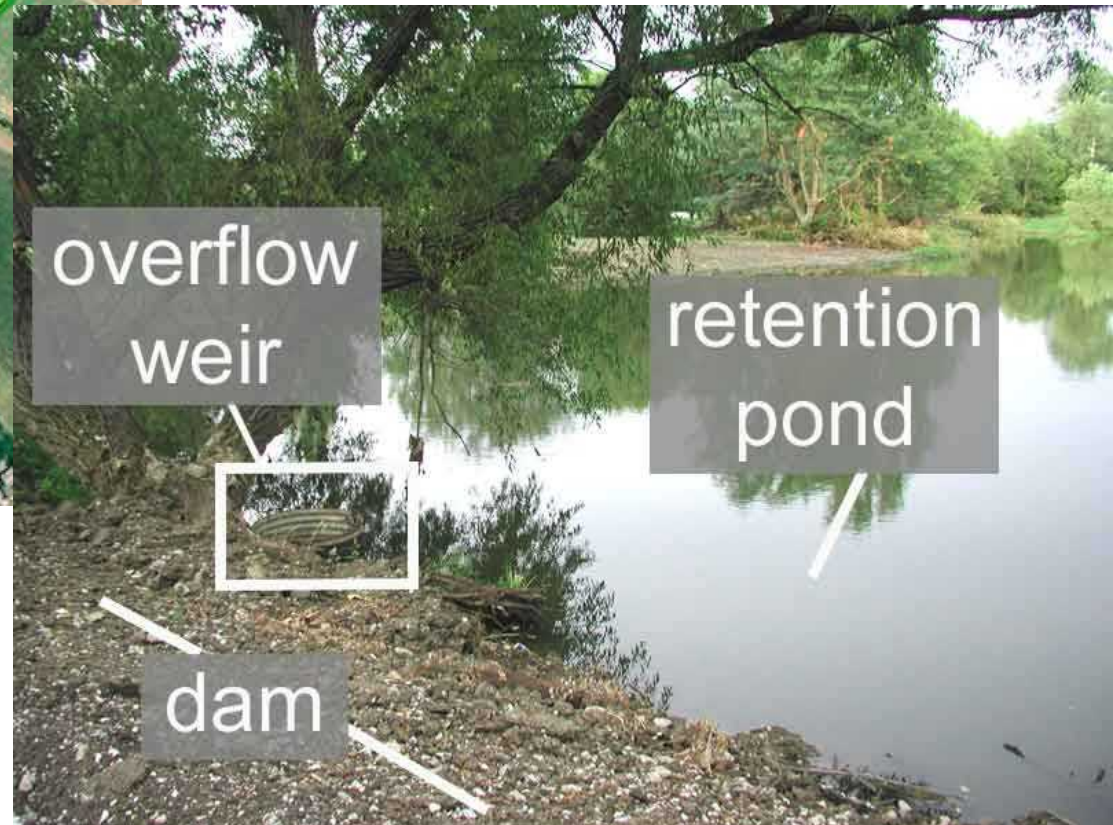
- Run for the investments - none of the comprehensive studies and additional monitoring undertaken has suggested under the EIA;
- Hundreds of HPP projects threaten to do irreparable harm to the region's unique biospheres;
- Lack of Integrated river basin management plans;
- Lack of public participation in river basin management planning;
- Gravel extraction, invasive species, waste water and agriculture pollution, heavily modifying water bodies, navigation, lack of flood risk management;
- Mountain forest ecosystems degradation and unsustainable management on forest land.

Recommendations for the further actions

- Support to holistic and regional approach in the river basin management planning;
- The public participation in IRBM planning processes having an important effect;
- Increasing public access to information on rivers status and disaster risk reduction planning;
- The establishment and proclamation of “No go areas”;
- Implementation of measures for the flood protection (e.g. establishing of natural retentions and its management).

Recommendations for the further actions

- Flood retention basins are technically designed to provide protection from flooding and focal areas for ecological development



Thank you for attention!

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