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Regional Strategy for Sustainable Hydropower in the Western Balkans: Identification Study

The Regional Strategy for Sustainable Hydropower in the Western Balkans ('the Study') was suggested in March 2016, at a meeting of WB6 Energy and Transport Ministers, and included in the Declaration of the 2016 Western Balkans Summit in Paris. The initiative originated from a request from several regional actors for a more integrated approach to hydropower development in the Western Balkans, in light of: a). WB6 need for the immediate rehabilitation of old hydropower plants; b). recent development of greenfield projects, particularly of small hydropower plants, frequently undertaken in a manner which would not allow for the sustainable use of water resources in the region, or the protection of environment, communities, and social heritage.

The Study is now complete. It has identified a series of reform measures which would allow for the sustainable use of water resources in the region. It has also produced an inventory of

hydropower plants proposed for rehabilitation and greenfield development.

The conclusions of the Study will be the subject of further consultations with the relevant institutions in beneficiary countries as well as with civil society organisations.

Results:

- Current status and development strategies, including database of hydropower plants
- Overview of hydrology/water management and transboundary issues;
- Overview of grid connection issues
- Recommendations on priority investments
- Regional Action Plan for sustainable hydropower development.



Perucac Hydropower Plant on the Drina.

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