

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, WATERS AND FORESTS

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## To: Ms. Rositsa Karamfilova-Blagova , Minister Ministry of Environment and Water, Republic of Bulgaria

Ref: Notification under the Espoo Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context of "The Project on increasing the share of electricity generation from renewable sources by completing the works and ensuring permanent monitoring of the environmental impact at Cerna-Motru-Tismana Hydrotechnical and Energy Complex, Second Stage", in Romania

Dear Ms. Minister,

The Romanian Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests presents its compliments to the Ministry of Environment and Water of Bulgaria and has the honor to express appreciation for our previous cooperation on environmental matters.

In accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention), we hereby notify you about the project on: "Increasing the share of electricity generation from renewable sources by completing the works and ensuring permanent monitoring of the environmental impact at Cerna-Motru-Tismana Hydrotechnical and Energy Complex, Second Stage", in Romania.

The works will be carried out at the already built sites. Vâja dam is located in Jiu river basin, on Bistrița river, immediately at its confluence with Valea Lungă stream, about 10 km upstream of Gureni village and about 16 km upstream of Peștișani commune.

The works for the regulation of Tismana River are located on the river sector between Tismana Aval storage (more precisely downstream of the DN 67 bridge) and Ciuperceni - Câlnic bridge, a sector with a length of about 18 km. The access is provided by the national road DN 67 and the local accesses from the villages bordering Tismana riverbed.

Vâja Lake and a first section (about 1.9 km) of the riverbed of Tismana to be regulated is located in the natural protected area ROSCIO129 North of Western Gorj.

The works for the completion of the investment objective are located in the Jiu river basin, on Tismana and Bistrita rivers. Tismana and Bistrița rivers are tributary streams of Jiu River.

The project works will be executed at about 165 km from the border with Republic of Bulgaria.

Please find attached the Notification form in English language. In case you decide to participate in this EIA procedure, please send us your answer by the 30 days after receiving the notification.

We take this opportunity to express our appreciation regarding our fruitful cooperation and our willingness to continue it in the future.

Please accept, Ms. Minister, the assurance of our highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Barna TÁNCZOS Minister