

## Balkan Rivers News

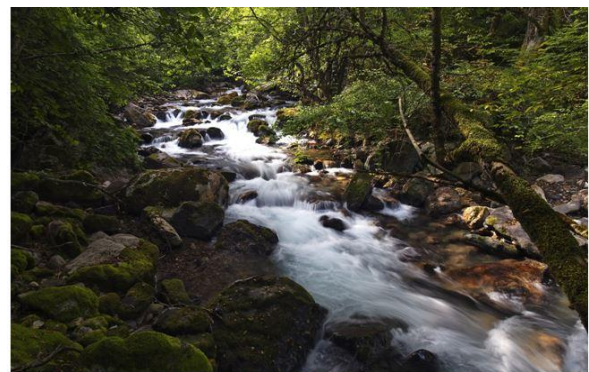


**Dear Friends of the Balkan Rivers,**

Find out about the latest news in our “Save the Blue Heart of Europe” campaign:

### **\* Boskov Most twice as expensive**

The controversial hydropower project Boskov Most inside the Mavrovo National Park in Macedonia is estimated to be twice as expensive as originally projected. NGOs met EBRD delegation in Skopje and demanded withdrawal from the dam project. Read our [press release](#)



Inside Mavrovo National Park, MK. Photo: Goran Šafarek

### **\* 100,000 against dams in Mavrovo**

Nearly 100,000 people signed our letter of protest against two projected hydropower plants inside the Mavrovo National Park in Macedonia, which was handed over to the Macedonian Prime Minister in early September. Read our [press release](#).



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### **\* Protest against Langarica dams**

The World Bank finances three dam projects on the Langarica (a tributary of the Vjosa River) inside the Fir of Hotova National Park, Albania. One is already completed, another under construction. As a result, thermal springs temporarily ran dry, causing dozens of people protesting against the dams in Tirana on October 11. Consequently, the Minister of the Environment promised to appoint a working group; however, constructions are in progress again.



Natural springs along Langarica, AL. Photo: Adrian Guri

**\* Sava floods: Floodplains save life and property**

In mid-September the Sava burst its banks once again. Read about the causes and the lessons to be learned in our [press release](#). The Austrian newspaper „Der Standard“ picked up on the topic: „[Der trügerische Schutz der Flussrinnen](#)“



Sava's natural floodplains at Lonjsko Polje Nature Park.  
Photo: Goran Šafarek

**\* Vjosa goes Club Sound**

Friends of the Balkan Rivers produced this neat "Save the Vjosa" remix featuring stunning Vjosa views. Enjoy! [Save the Vjosa! \(Lava 303 feat. Blue Heart of Europe\)](#)



**\* GEO article now ONLINE!**

The September print edition of the renowned German magazine GEO featured an article about the GEO Days of Biodiversity at the Vjosa River in Albania. Now, the article went online: [Europas letzter wilder Fluss](#). Since it is available in German only, read our [partial English translation](#).



Vjosa River scenery. Photo: Goran Šafarek

**\* Stab in the Blue Heart - Article in Magazine NATUR**

The renowned German environmental magazine *natur* published a 4-page article about the dam-tsunami on the Balkan Peninsula and our campaign in the three key areas. Sorry, in German only! [Stich ins Blaue Herz](#)





**\* Interactive Video of the Month: Dam Effects**

Dams have in every case tremendous negative effects on the environment. Watch this interactive illustration of dams and their consequences... and how to solve the problems: [Interactive Video](#)



**\* Job Vacancy: National Campaign Coordinator HR**

To supplement the Team Sava, the coordination team is currently looking for a national coordinator for Croatia and countries downstream (Bosnia& Herzegovina and Serbia). Find the job offer [HERE](#).



Sava at Lonjsko Polje Nature Park. Photo: Goran Šafarek

**\* New Staff for the Sava in Slovenia**

Neža Posnjak (24) will soon support our Team Sava. Based in Ljubljana, she will be responsible for coordinating the Sava campaign in Slovenia.



National Campaign Coordinator for Slovenia Neža Posnjak

**All the best,**

**Your Blue Heart Team**