

# VJOSA SCIENCE WEEK 2017

## *LIST OF PARTICIPATING SCIENTIST*

**Scientists from Albania, Austria and Germany explore Europe's last big wild river and call for a proper Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)**

Over 30 scientists from Albania, Austria and Germany conduct a week research at the Vjosa in Albania. With this activity, the scientists want to draw attention to the expected negative impacts of the projected dam construction at Europe's last big wild river and contribute to a proper EIA. An initiative like this is without par in Europe.



***Vjosa River in the Poçëm area © Lulëzim Shuka***

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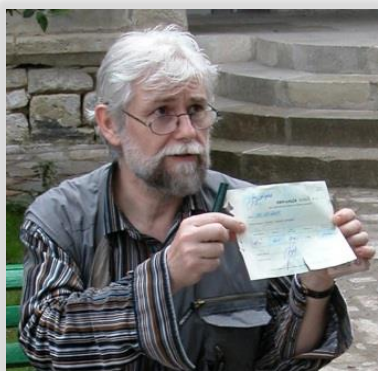


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