



Partners in the campaign "Save the Blue Heart of Europe" have the honor to invite you to the International Conference

"Hydropower projects versus Protection"
as **the first public and open debate**
on the NP Mavrovo, which will be held from 15h to 19h

April 10, 2014 cinema **"Frosina"**
(Youth Cultural Center) Skopje

"ARE WE LOSING
A NATURAL TREASURE?"





**The Mavrovo National Park
is one of the oldest national parks in Europe.**

**Known for its rich biodiversity and attractive natural amenities-
spacious beech forests, alpine meadows, virgin rivers and streams.
Huge variety of species such as the rare species of trout , wolves ,
bears and otters live in the park. One kind is still special - Balkan
lynx (Lynx lynx balcanicus)-
critically endangered subspecies of the Eurasian lynx .**

**The park is home to more than 1000 different plant species.
The natural values of the park belong to all of us: campers, hikers,
nature lovers, researchers and "residents" of the park, hence our
shared duty to preserve...**

However, the Mavrovo National Park is under threat.

**Two large scale hydropower plants are projected,
supported by the EBRD (European Bank for Reconstruction and
Development) and the World Bank.**

**Would these projects harm nature or
would they even threaten the national park status?**

What is the future of Mavrovo National Park?

**Let's spark a new phase.
Come, share and discuss!**

Photo (Ulrich Eichelmann): Mala Reka, Mavrovo

CONFERENCE "Hydropower projects versus Protection"

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Presenting different standpoints

PROGRAMME

14:30 – Arrival and registration of participants

15:00 – Introduction "Save the Blue Heart of Europe"

Position and arguments from:

- National organisations
- EuroNatur and Riverwatch
- National Ministry for Environment and
Physical Planning
- IUCN
- EBRD (requested)

17:00 - Public debate

18:00 - Conclusions of the Conference

18:30 - Cocktail