

SAVE THE DATE

1st KOSOVO RIVER SUMMIT

14th - 15th October, 2022

City: Prishtina, Kosovo

Venue: Civil Society House Foundation

RiverWatch



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Program

October 14-15, 2022

Venue: Civil Society House Foundation

Address: Dukagjini Residence, Lakrishte, Entrance A 4th floor

October 14 – Film Night

19:00 Screening of the film “River”- This amazing documentary about rivers created global attention.

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October 15 – River Summit

Each presentation is followed by a Question and Answers session (Q&As)

- 09:30 – 10:00 Welcome & Coffee
- 10:00 – 10:10 Introduction – *Dajana Berisha, KOSID*
- 10:10 – 10:30 Keynote - *H.E. Mrs. Vjosa Osmani-Sadriu, President of the Republic of Kosovo (tbc)*
- 10:30 – 10:50 The Blue Heart of Europe: Situation of Balkan Rivers – *Ulrich Eichelmann, Riverwatch*
- 10:50 – 12:00 **Block 1 – Hydropower conflicts in Kosovo** (*moderated by Egzona Shala, EC of EcoZ*)
- *Shtrepce case – Nebojsa Redzic, Shara Watch*
 - *Decan valley case – Adem Lushaj, Association of independent intellectuals of Deçan*
 - *Lepenci river case – Valon Raka, NGO Gjethi*
 - *Legal river cases in Kosovo – Group for Legal and Political Studies (GLPS)*
- 12:00 – 12:15 Coffee break
- 12:15 – 13:45 **Block 2 – The legal side** (*moderated by Jeta Xharra, ED BIRN*)
- *The situation: Loopholes and ways forward – Rinon Arifi, member of “Lawyers for Rivers”*
 - *Legal requirements of EU related legislation – Energy Community Treaty – Malgorzata Smolak, expert on international environmental law, member of “Lawyers for Rivers”*
 - *Rights of Communities in terms of protection of the environment – Dajana Berisha, KOSID*
- 13:45 – 15:00 Lunch (in Civil Society House Foundation)
- 15:00 – 16:30 **Block 3 – Beyond the Horizon – Success stories from other Balkan countries**
- *Albania: The Vjosa Wild River National Park – Ulrich Eichelmann, Riverwatch*
 - *Bosnia-Herzegovina: How changes in legislation stopped more than 100 dam projects – Nina Kresevljakovic, Aarhus Center BiH, member of “Lawyers for Rivers”*
 - *North Macedonia: Concessions revoked in Shar Planina National Park – Eko Svest (tbc)*
- 16:30 – 17:45 **Block 4 – Roundtable discussion: Ways forward – How to improve the situation for rivers and people?** (*moderated by Dajana Berisha, KOSID*)
- *Mr. Haki Abazi – Chair of Parliamentary Commission on Foreign Policies and Diaspora*
 - *Shpresa Loshaj – Pishtarët activist (virtual contribution)*
 - *Fatos Lajci – Executive Director at ERA Environmental Responsible Action*
 - *Helena Poučki – GAIA*
 - *Ulrich Eichelmann – Riverwatch*
- 17:45 – 18:00 **Conclusion**



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