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CEE Bankwatch Network's
mission is to prevent
environmentally and socially
harmful impacts of
international development
finance, and to promote
alternative solutions and public
participation.

To:

Philip Lam, Larissa Gosling, Olga Filippova
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
sent via Email

February 27, 2012

Dear Mr Lam,

I am writing in connection with the Appropriate Assessment and Biodiversity Management Plan for the proposed Ombla Natura 2000 site that was until recently the subject of a procurement notice on the EBRD's website.

When the procurement notice was first published on 27 January 2012 we assumed that this was a new version of the same call for tenders issued by HEP on 02 January 2012 for Carrying out research work for the needs of the assessment of the impact of the construction of Ombla HPP on the ecological network¹ that was followed by an announcement on 16 February that a contract had been signed with Elektroprojekt.² However, following the publication of a number of questions and clarifications on the EBRD's website it became clear that these were two different tenders for two different consultancy contracts.

We would therefore like to ask you the following:

1. Which one of these two contracts will result in the actual Appropriate Assessment study on the impact of the construction of the Ombla HPP on the ecological network that will be taken into account as part of the Natura 2000 assessment process on the national level?
2. What will be the role of the other study, and what is the reason for having two consultancy contracts rather than one?
3. Will both studies be subject to public consultations as part of the Natura 2000 assessment process?

Many thanks in advance for your timely response,

Yours sincerely,

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1 <https://ponuda-jn.nn.hr/etender.aspx?action=SHOW&ID=452a8c05-4ac6-4c55-9d44-58a5cb6dd928>

2 <https://ponuda-jn.nn.hr/etender.aspx?action=SHOW&ID=452a8c05-4ac6-4c55-9d44-58a5cb6dd928>