

TO:

Mr. Mlađan Dinkić
Minister of Finance and Economy
Republic of Serbia

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Bulgaria:

Centre for Environmental
Information and Education
(CEIE)

Za Zemiata, For the Earth

Croatia:

Green Action

Czech Republic:

Centrum pro dopravu a
energetiku (CDE)

Hnutí DUHA

Estonia:

Estonian Green Movement–FoE

Georgia:

Green Alternative

Hungary:

National Society of
Conservationists – Friends of
the Earth Hungary (MTVSZ)

Latvia

Latvian Green Movement

Lithuania:

Atgaja

Macedonia:

Ekó–svest

Poland:

Polish Green Network (PGN)

Russia:

Sakhalin Environmental Watch

Serbia:

Center for Ecology and
Sustainable Development
(CEKOR)

Slovakia:

Friends of the Earth – Center
for Environmental Public
Advocacy (FoE–CEPA)

Ukraine:

National Ecological Centre of
Ukraine (NECU)

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.

Dear Minister Dinkić,

Allow me to address you on the occasion of the burning problems of many people Kolubara region. As you know, the investments in the energy sector are to expand the coal mines, and thus the expropriation.

Bearing in mind that the Ministry of Finance and Economy is the second instance in solving problems with the expropriation, we intend to refer people to turn to the Ministry regarding the various issues that are not adequately addressed.

Litmus test of efficiency, competence and commitment of the Ministry's in our view will be the case of Vitomir Simic from Radljevo, whose house was in 1984. viewed for expropriation. But, despite their demands, that house 200 meters from the Kolubara West mine was not expropriated. Family Simic had run away from that house, because it cracked by the works of the mine, and their request for the expropriation was not answered.

Unfortunately, this is not an isolated case. Dear Minister, you are given the opportunity to fix the many problems caused by untransparency by EPS Electric Power Industry of Serbia and Kolubara Mines, what we as representatives of civil society see as a process that is filled with manipulations, selectivity and irresponsibility in the expropriation proceedings.

Please take an interest in these cases, as in the implementation of development projects included Kolubara and international financiers. We have the intention to alarm various national and international bodies for human rights violations of local residents if it still continues, because authorities are ignoring the requirements of persons affected by the expropriations caused by the spreading of Kolubara.

In the end, let us mention that the people do not want to slow the development of Serbia or Kolubara, or block investments, they simply do not want to pay the high price of such models.

Best regards

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