

Dear madam/sir,

we are approaching you with information concerning the project which is part of the list of large projects within the draft Operational program Integrated infrastructure. The project in concern is **Implementation of technical measures to remove obstacles and improve navigability of the Danube river – river km 1880,260 – 1862,000 (classification of constructions no. 2151 and 2152)**

Please bear in mind that the translation from Slovak is not official, the original project title is: **Implementácia technických opatrení na odstránenie prekážok a vyriešenie splavnosti na Dunaji na r. km 1880,260 – 1862,000 (klasifikácia stavieb č. 2151 a 2152)**

According to available information, core of the project is construction of waterworks Bratislava – Pečniansky les (VD Bratislava – Pečniansky les). In attachment please find the summary of the expected impacts of the project. To date there isn't available official information concerning project design and parameters. From published information it is clear however that the project would have serious environmental impact on river Danube and affected habitats including the habitats protected under the Community legislation. Also the project would affect the sources of drinking water in proximity of the river. Important is also cross border impact as the project is located next to the border between Slovakia and Austria.

We believe that financial support from public sources for this project would be in contradiction with interests of nature protection and preservation of waters covered by Community legislation.

We would like to highlight the way how the managing authority responsible for preparation of OP integrated infrastructure named the project so the word “waterworks” (“vodné dielo“ in Slovak) that is usually used for such project doesn't appear in the project title. So the fact that project includes construction of dam is only possible to investigate from the number of statistical classification 2152. To us this is undermining the clarity of public information especially regarding the strategic environmental assessment of the OP Integrated infrastructure.

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