



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
SECRETARIAT-GENERAL

Recovery & Resilience Task Force  
**The Director-General**

Brussels  
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Dear petitioner,

Thank you for expressing your concerns on the list of hydropower projects being considered by the Romanian government for inclusion into the REPowerEU chapter of their recovery and resilience plan. You stressed that all projects were conceived more than 30 years ago when there was no legislation to protect the environment. You also pointed out that some of them have revoked building permits decisions issued by national Courts, while others are located in Natura 2000 sites and reserves or national parks areas, which creates effects on water status and deforestation are of serious concern.

The European Commission is fully committed to ensuring that the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) and REPowerEU are implemented with the highest standards of environmental compliance, as enshrined in the Regulation.

To this end, please let me reassure you that any amendment to the Romanian National Recovery and Resilience Plan, including any potential project under its upcoming REPowerEU chapter, will be subject to a thorough assessment to ensure full compliance with the RRF Regulation and other relevant EU legislation. Compliance will also be checked with the “Do No Significant Harm” principle in line with the Commission’s technical guidance (see *Commission Notice Technical guidance on the application of ‘do no significant harm’ under the Recovery and Resilience Facility Regulation 2021/C 58/01*).

Yours faithfully,

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