

 Early Warning System

EIB-20240006

POTPEC HPP RECONSTRUCTION AND CAPACITY EXPANSION



### Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	Serbia
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	European Investment Bank (EIB)
<b>Status</b>	Approved
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	U
<b>Voting Date</b>	2026-03-25
<b>Borrower</b>	JSC ELEKTROPRIVREDA SRBIJE BELGRADE
<b>Sectors</b>	Energy, Hydropower
<b>Investment Type(s)</b>	Loan
<b>Investment Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 87.87 million
<b>Loan Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 87.87 million
<b>Project Cost (USD)</b>	\$ 105.21 million



### Project Description

As stated by the EIB, the operation is an allocation under a signed Framework Loan for Green Financing by EPS (Elektroprivreda Srbije) for the reconstruction of three existing power units and the construction of a new 13 MW power unit at the Potpeč Hydropower Plant (HPP).

The aim of rehabilitating the existing units is to extend their operational lifetime, reduce maintenance costs, and increase efficiency. The construction of the new unit aims to compensate for lost production during the rehabilitation of the existing units and to utilise overflowing water. Together, the rehabilitation and construction activities are expected to increase average annual electricity generation from 213 GWh to 236.7 GWh.

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process and public consultation for the Potpeč Hydropower Plant rehabilitation and capacity expansion were successfully completed, and the corresponding environmental consent was issued by the competent authority (Ministry of Environmental Protection) in 2018.

As project implementation did not commence within two years (2020), the consent expired. Upon the promoter's application, the Ministry re-issued the environmental consent in July 2024, confirming that no new or updated EIA is required, that the expired EIA remains valid, and that all defined mitigation measures must be applied. The EIA report will be reviewed during appraisal to ensure compliance with EIB's environmental standards. The project is expected to contribute to climate action and environmental sustainability objectives, particularly in terms of climate change mitigation.

The Promoter shall ensure that tender procedure will be done in accordance with the EIB's Guide to Procurement and the relevant applicable EU public procurement rules.



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### Investment Description

- European Investment Bank (EIB)



### Private Actors Description

As stated on the company's LinkedIn account, Joint stock company Elektroprivreda Srbije as the largest company in Serbia represents economic and energy backbone of the country. The main activities of EPS AD are the production, supply and trade of electricity. EPS is owner a the coal mines, thermopower plant and hydropower plant. EPS supplies electricity to 3,4 Million consumers. The founder of Joint stock company Elektroprivreda Srbije is the Republic of Serbia and the founder's rights are exercised by the Government of the Republic of Serbia.



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Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Javno Preduzeće "Elektroprivreda Srbije" Beograd - EPS	Client	Energy

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### Contact Information

*No project contacts provided at the time of disclosure.*

### ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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### Bank Documents

- [24/01/2026 - Environmental Impact Assessment - POTPEC HPP RECONSTRUCTION AND CAPACITY EXPANSION - St](#)
- [ESIA](#)



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### Other Related Projects

- EIB-20220716 EPS GREEN FINANCING