

Neither clean nor green

Small hydro-power plants
SERBIAN CASE

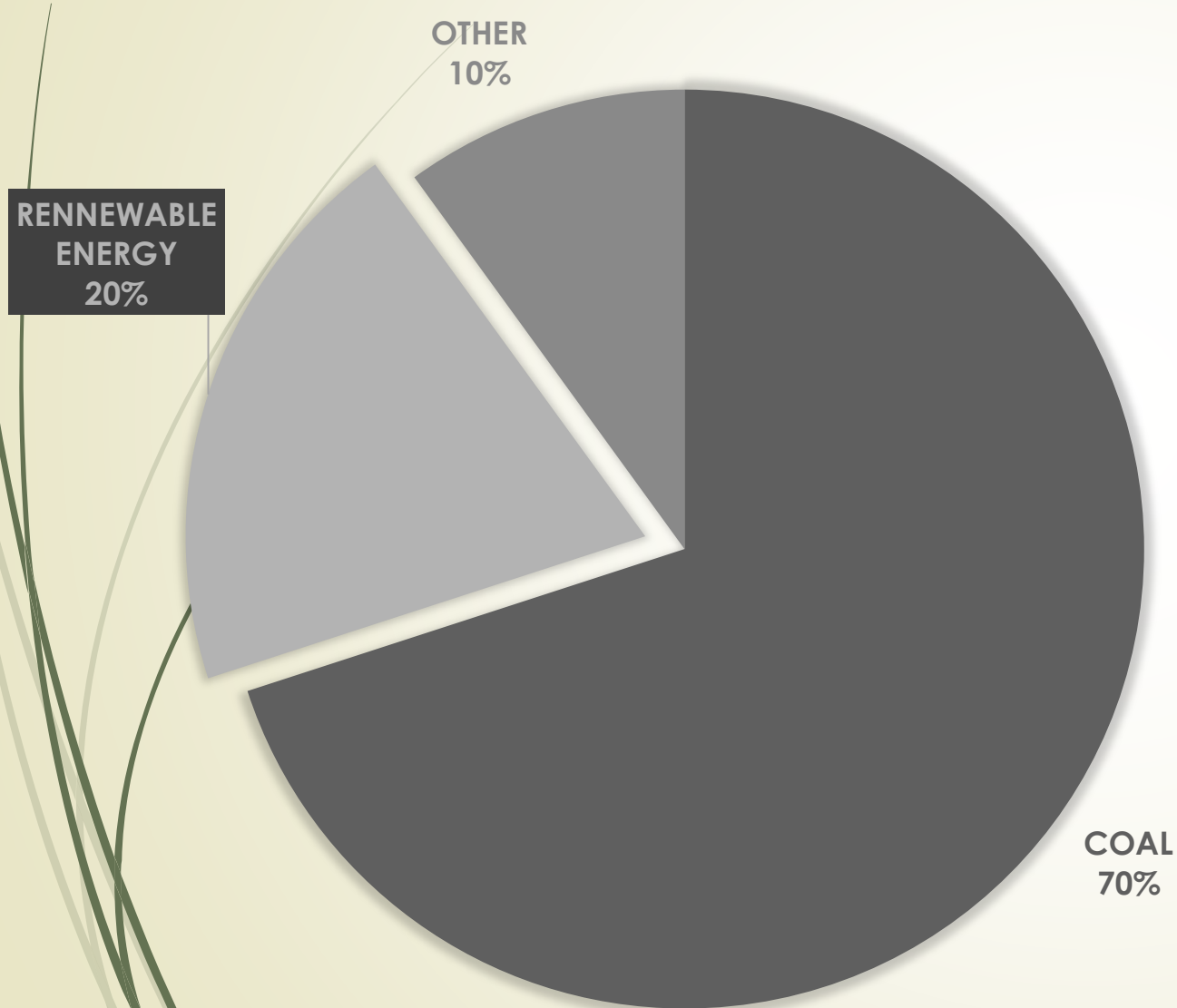
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Reality

vs

Goals



Energy community obligation:

Serbia has to **increase share** of electricity generated from **renewable energy sources**

20% → **27%**

Strategy

- ▶ Subsidizing private companies to invest in renewable energy – privileged producers sell energy at higher price for the period of 12 years
- ▶ Electricity bills are therefore increased by a separate fee
- ▶ Most popular ———> Small hydro power plants
- ▶ Early stage - Problems with the implementation
(Investors complained about bureaucracy - many of them gave up)





STEP 1: Who made it?

- ▶ Annual payment reports
- ▶ Business registry
- ▶ „the state and companies connected to Vučić's best man profit most“
- ▶ people close to the Government, people with criminal charges, local bosses...

INVESTIGATIVE STORIES ENERGY

SMALL HYDROPOWER PLANTS

Small hydroelectric power plants: the state and companies connected to Vučić's best man profit most

📅 27. Feb 2018.



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**SARADNIK PREMIJERKINOG
BRATA U POSLU SA MALIM
HIDROELEKTRANAMA**

📅 28. apr 2020.



**MALE HIDROELEKTRANE: BIZNIS
PROTIV PRIRODE**

📅 03. jul 2019.



**NOVA ELEKTRANA I JOŠ VIŠE
NOVCA ZA VUČIĆEVOG KUMA I
PARTNERE**

📅 05. mar 2019.



**ŠARIĆEV SARADNIK U POSLU SA
MALIM HIDROELEKTRANAMA**

📅 26. feb 2019.



**VLASNIK HIDRO-TANA: NIKOLA
PETROVIĆ MI SAMO SMETA**

📅 01. dec 2018.



**OD NIGERIJSKE ŠEME DO TAJNE
MILIONSKE EPS NABAVKE**

📅 18. jul 2018.



**MHE: PONOVO NAJVIŠE NOVCA
ZA EPS I FIRME POVEZANE SA
NIKOLOM PETROVIĆEM**




**MALE HIDROELEKTRANE: DRŽAVA
I FIRME POVEZANE SA VUČIĆEVIM
KUMOM NAJVIŠE PROFITIRAJU**



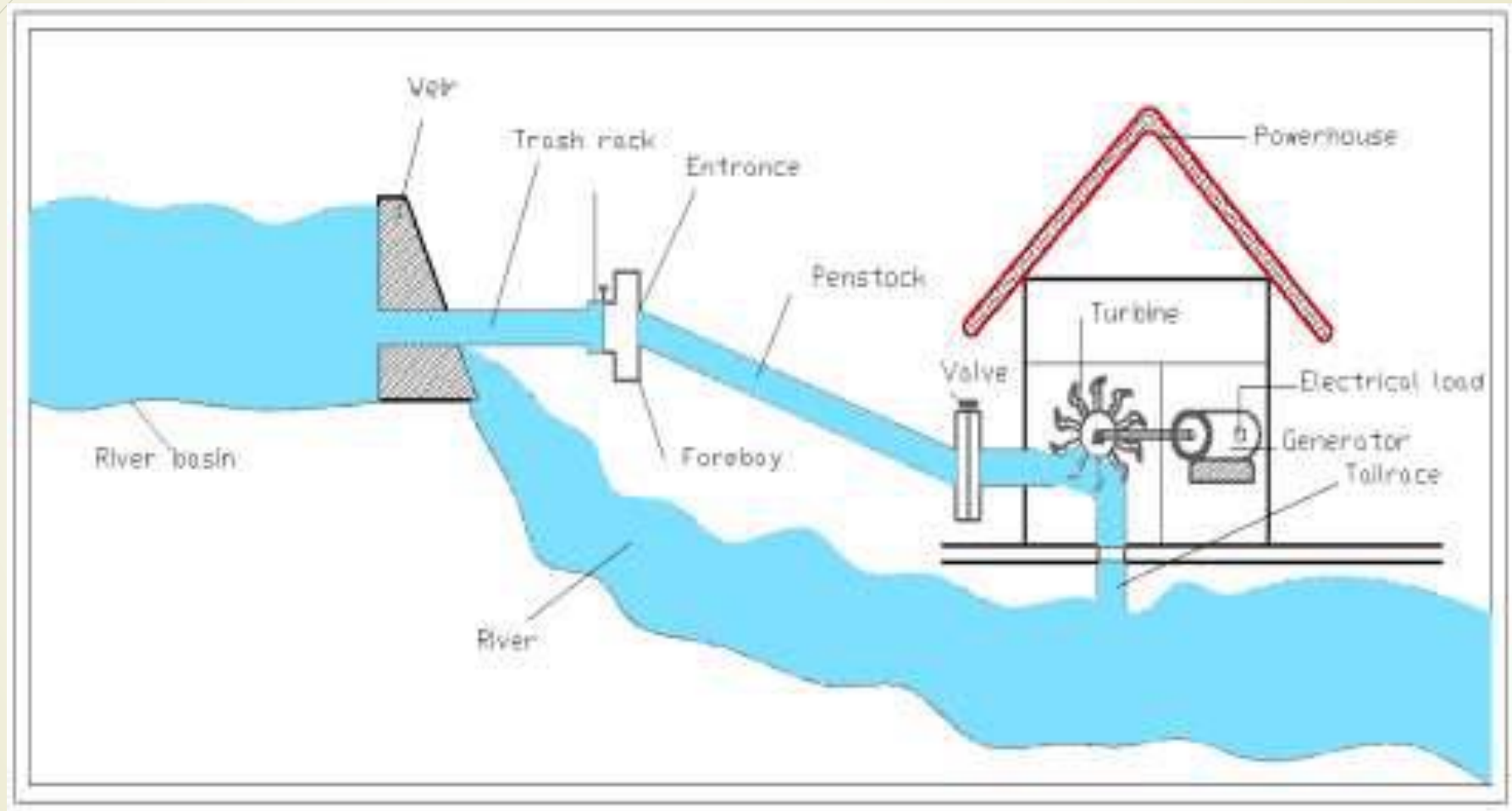
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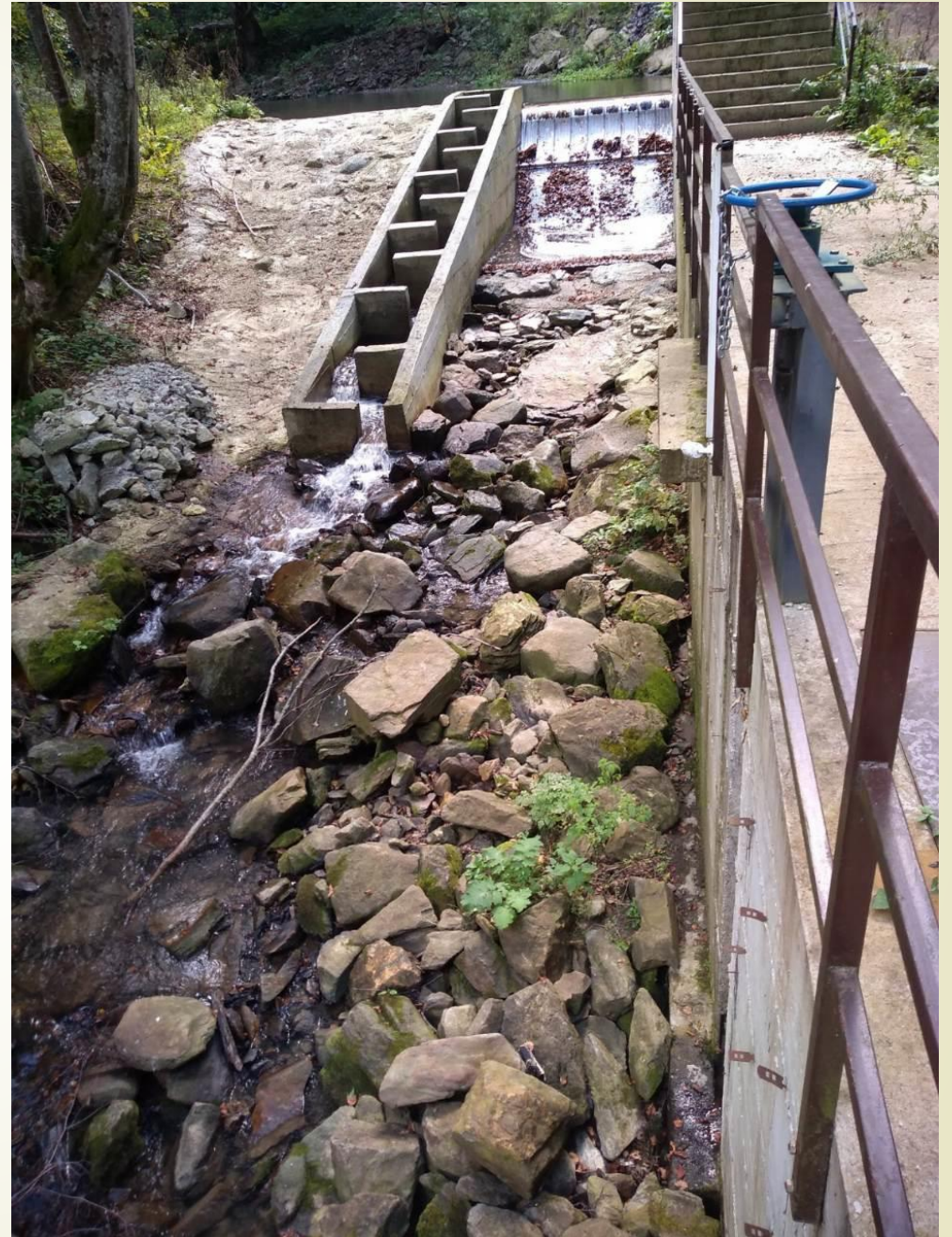


Step 2: Research on the ground

- ▶ People
 - ▶ Dried fields, dried up rivers, dead fish...
 - ▶ Environmental damage
 - ▶ Public interest is frequently overshadowed by the interest of investors
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Step 3: Technology









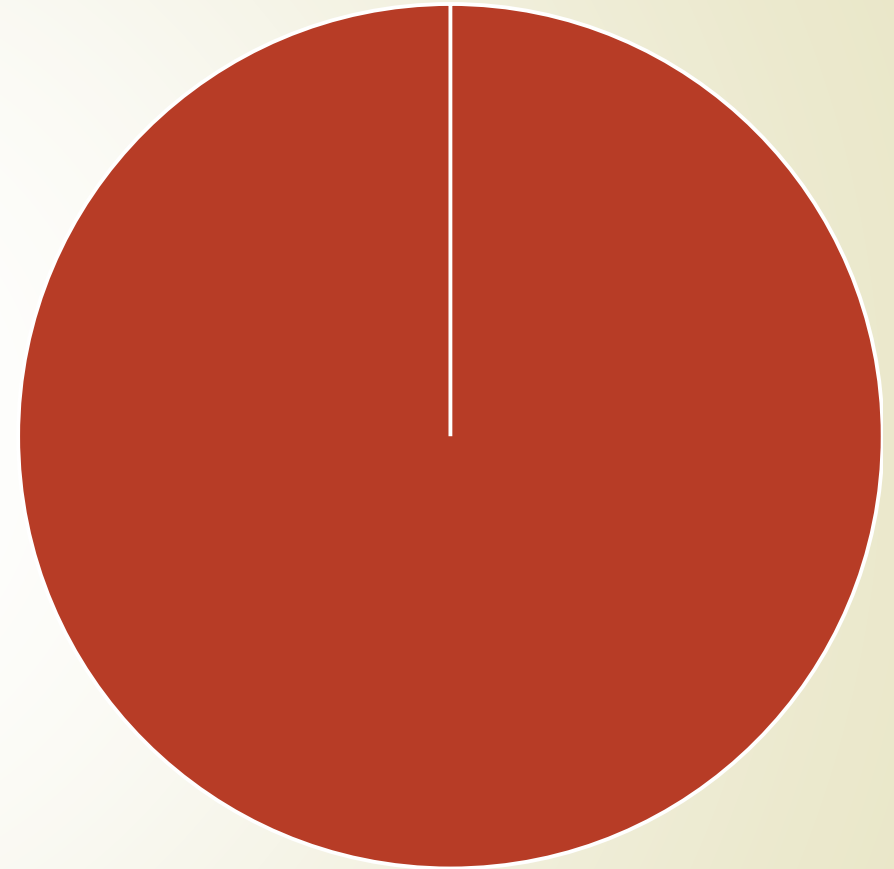
Step 4: Insitutions

- ▶ Remarkable evidence of environmental devastation
- ▶ Violation of environmental law
- ▶ Insitutions put a blind eye on the problem
- ▶ Blame-shifting
- ▶ Pressure

„...workers were using **bulldozers**, machines similar to dredgers, **to pull out and cut down vegetation** by the river, thus practically aggravating its recovery, and indirectly **jeopardizing riverbank stability**.... We believe that all the activities undertaken and the condition of nature in the observed part of the water course **indicate to arbitrary decisions of individual investors**, serious jeopardizing the river bed, alluvial plains, and the hydrological regime.“

Step 5: Energy experts

- Inefficiency
- Serbia spends more than 100 million €
- Since 2015 EU has been urging Serbia to switch from subsidized to more market-oriented solution (tenders)
- "...in the end, the onus to act is on Serbia itself."





Impact



- No.1 environmental topic in 2018!
- People engaged
- Protests





Source: DW



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