



“Me Natyrën – Për Natyrën dhe Njerëzit”



Parku Nacional “Bjeshkët e Nemuna”

Final Report “With Nature – for nature and people”

LET’S DO IT – TA PASTROJME KOSOVËN

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Introduction

The territory of the National Park “Bjeshkët e Nemuna” has natural values of extraordinary importance for the Republic of Kosovo. It is distinguished by areas of special natural value, hydrography, forests, pastures, meadows and biodiversity. Within about 63 ha (hectares) of the territory of the National Park “Bjeshkët e Nemuna” there are localities of special importance in terms of natural values, some of which are strict plant and animal reserves that fall into the first category of protected areas of nature according to the IUCN.

Many of the plant and animal species are also in the Red Book of Flora and Fauna of the Republic of Kosovo. Despite the Law on Nature Protection and other relevant laws in force, and the fact that this Park is in the second category of nature protected areas according to IUCN (National Park) and is protected by law, in this Park are unfortunately evident activities which are prohibited to be exercised within the park according to the relevant laws in force, or even activities which are exercised in an uncontrolled manner or which are not properly managed.

Among these negative phenomena are: waste dumping, erosion of areas for the construction of illegal tourist and hotel facilities, illegal hunting, uncontrolled collection of medicinal and aromatic plants, illegal construction, illegal logging. All these phenomena have extremely negative consequences on the degradation of the environment and on the future sustainable development of the Park.

Continuation of uncontrolled deforestation would have irreparable consequences that in addition to the loss of timber, directly reflects on the disruption of ecosystems, the threat of wildlife, landscape degradation, the occurrence of erosion, etc. Constructions that have not been done based on spatial and regulatory plans, which are mainly represented by hotel and residential facilities, are more pronounced in the most visited areas such as: Rugova Gorge, Boge, Leqinat, etc. If this phenomenon continues in the current trend, it will of course degrade the national park space, because people would build where they should not, which would damage the landscape, vegetation and animal habitats. Although there is no major pollution in the park, this has started to happen nonetheless. Here we do not have industrial development and dense transport, as the cause of the most negative impact on the environment, therefore air quality is good, but soil pollution from waste disposal and water pollution is unfortunately evident in areas with potential for tourism development. .

Project Objectives

- Improving the implementation of the Regulation on the Internal Order of National Parks and the punitive provisions of the Law on Nature Protection related to prohibited and degrading activities for protected areas.
- Better cooperation between the institutions responsible for the implementation of the legislation in force for the protection of the National Park "Bjeshkët e Nemuna" and the resident citizens of the Park, but also those who are visitors.
- Raising awareness of citizens about the natural values of the National Park "Bjeshkët e Nemuna" as a protected area.

Legal Aspect

From the legal aspect we based the implementation of this project on the following documents:

- Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan
- Law on Nature Protection
- Law on the "Bjeshkët e Nemuna" National Park
- MESP REGULATION No. 21/2013 ON THE INTERNAL ORDER OF NATIONAL PARKS
- Municipal Regulations for Protected Areas

In the framework of the Law on Environmental Protection, the sub-legal act "Regulation on the Internal Order of National Parks" is in force, which determines the protection, preservation, promotion and use of National Parks and determines the measures for non-compliance with its provisions. Also, the punitive provisions within the Law on Nature Protection provide for fines for those who degrade the environment within the Park space through certain actions. The effective implementation of these laws and bylaws would greatly contribute to the protection of the environment and the natural values of the Park. In terms of protection, preservation and development of a rich natural heritage, it is also necessary to increase the awareness of residents and / or visitors of the Park.

Project Activities

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON SOCIAL MEDIA

13 April 2021



Meeting in our offices with the director of the National Park "Bjeshkët e Nemuna", Mr. Fatmir Morina, with whom we agreed to have a close cooperation within the activities of the project "With nature - for nature and people".

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27 April 2021



Did you know...? 📌

In the National Park "Bjeshkët e Nemuna" live 8 species of fish, 13 species of aquatic animals, 10 species of reptiles,

148 species of birds, 37 species of mammals and 129 species of butterflies

Biodiversity is an incomparable

asset that each of us must take care of.

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Did you know...?



In "Bjeshkët e Nemuna", specifically in the Allaga River, Koshutan, above the village of Boge and at the hydropower plant in Deçan lives the Balkan Lynx (lat. *Lynx lynx balcanicus*), which according to IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) carries the status of Extremely Dangerous "(Critically endangered) because the population of this species is declining throughout the distribution area.

The main threats to the Balkan lynx are the small population, the limited host base for it, habitat degradation and poaching. Deforestation, too, is a risk factor for the population of this species.

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24 May 2021



Did you know...?

"Bjeshkët e Nemuna" are characterized by extraordinary floristic diversity and represent one of the floristic centers of the Balkans, especially in terms of floristic endmism. Their vascular flora in the part of Kosovo consists of 1,611 taxa (species and subspecies): 435 genera, 105 families, 50 orders and 6 classes. (1)

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2 June 2021

Some endemic species of the Balkans in "Bjeshkët e Nemuna" 📌



1. *Crepis albanica*;
2. *Draba korabensis*;
3. *Cerastium dinaricum*;
4. *Sempervivum macedonicum*;
5. *Euphorbia montenegrina*;
6. *Lilium albanicum*;
7. *Rumex balcanicus*;
8. *Ranunculus scutatus*;
9. *Geum bulgaricum*;
10. *Viola elegantula*;
11. *Ligusticum albanicum*;
12. *Fumaria bonopartei*;
13. *Teucrium arduini*. (2)

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3 June 2021

Endemic species of Kosovo in "Bjeshkët e Nemuna" 📌:

1. *Sempervivum kosaninii*
2. *Cephalaria pastricensis*
3. *Astragalus fialae*
4. *Aconitum pentheri*
5. *Rubus ipecensis*
6. *Saxifraga scardica*

7. Wulfenia blecicii
8. Centaurea nervosa
9. Thlaspi cuneifolium
10. Thymus rohlenae

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Currently protected areas in “Bjeshkët e Nemuna”!

Zonat e mbrojtura aktualisht në Bjeshkët e Nemuna!

Për vlerat e jashtëzakonshme të Bjeshkëve të Nemuna, kanë ekzistuar fakte historike dhe shkencore, të cilat edhe kanë qar në mbrojtjen e deritashme ligjore të disa zonave të caktuara që hyjnë në zbatim e propozuar për Park Kombëtar. Këto zona kanë qenë kryesisht në kategorinë e monumenteve natyrore dhe rezervatave të natyrës. Brenda territorit të propozuar të Parkut Kombëtar Bjeshkët e Nemuna, ndodhë në ligji janë të mbrojtura këto vlera të natyrës:

Nazmi i zonës	Kategoria	Viti i themelimit	Niveli i rrethimit	Komuna
Gryka e Rapedit	monumenti i natyrës	1985	4,301	Pejë
Borisi i Dëbri të Baritë	monumenti i natyrës	1982	85,94	Pejë
Maja Ropa	rezervat natyrore	1955	20	Pejë
Maja e Zetit	monumenti i natyrës	1977	112,5	Pejë
Karabaguri	rezervat natyrore	1955	190	Drenas
Mali i Pëlligjit	rezervat natyrore	1963	8,92	Drenas
Pishkat e Bregut	monumenti i natyrës	1968	15,18	Drenas
Gebrevi	rezervat natyrore	1957	38,34	Drenas

Sipërfaqja e përgjithshme e mbrojtur brenda territorit të Parkut Kombëtar shkon 4,789 ha apo rreth 7.66 % e territorit të propozuar për Park Kombëtar.

Ref: http://www.mbrm.gov.al/faq/kombetare/bjeshket_e_nemuna/01-007
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Projekti "Me natyrën - për natyrën dhe qytetin" financohet nga WWF Albania, ndihëtohet nga Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency - Sida dhe implementohet nga Let's Do It - Te Përshpirtë Kuvendi. Përmbajtja dhe përkrahja e shprehur në këtë faqe janë ato të autorëve dhe jo domosdoshërisht ndihëtohen përkrahja e Sida-s.

Shprehim nderimin për kontributin e Komitetit të Mbrojtjes së Natyrës në mbrojtjen e këtyre zonave.




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Protected Areas contribute to sustainable development, through:

- Protection of highly sensitive species by humans;
- Preservation of natural vegetation on lands with low productivity;
- Protection of water and soil reserves in eroded areas;
- Regulation and purification of water flow;
- Protection of forests and wetlands;
- Protection of people from natural disasters, such as floods and landslides;
- Conservation of important genetic natural resources for medicine or racial improvements;
- Maintaining critical habitats for food, reproduction or rest of the species used;
- Providing income and jobs from the development of tourism

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The biggest problems facing the National Park "Bjeshkët e Nemuna" 🇹🇭

- 🇹🇭 Lack of sufficient staff to administer the National Park;
- 🇹🇭 Illegal logging;
- 🇹🇭 Illegal hunting;
- 🇹🇭 Uncontrolled collection of medicinal plants;
- 🇹🇭 Lack of zoning;
- 🇹🇭 Lack of information boards and trails for tourists;
- 🇹🇭 Dumpsites;

- 👉 Misuse of water resources;
- 👉 Failure to fulfill responsibilities from the central and local institutional level;
- 👉 Lack of awareness of the importance of caring for the environment, specifically caring for protected areas.

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10 August 2021



Intentional arson in "Bjeshkët e Nemuna" and its aftermath

Over the past few weeks we have witnessed the tragic news of mass fires around the world. Unfortunately, "Bjeshkët e Nemuna" National Park in Kosovo is also

involved in this tragedy.

This alarming situation reminds us of the botanical, faunal, ecological, tourist, recreational, sports, cultural and economic values that these Mountains have.

Bjeshkët e Nemuna is a hotbed of biological diversity and historical and tourist values in Kosovo. The fires in Shtupeq of "Bjeshkët e Nemuna" have left behind large parts of the mountains completely destroyed. There were only a few small fires on Friday. In addition to firefighters, police officers, members of the Kosovo Security Force, soldiers of the NATO mission who dumped water by helicopter, as well as local residents were engaged in extinguishing the fires in this location.

Deliberate arson is causing extraordinary consequences in the biodiversity of the "Bjeshkët e Nemuna", so Let's Do It requires citizens to be much more careful with their actions as well as institutions to be more attentive in field monitoring.

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2 September 2021



Hydrology of "Bjeshkët e Nemuna"

One of the main values of "Bjeshkët e Nemuna" is their hydric wealth. In "Bjeshkët e Nemuna" there is a dense network of watercourses that discharge water into the Drini i Bardhë and through it into the Adriatic Sea catchment.

In addition to the Drini i Bardhë Spring, most of the "Bjeshkët e Nemuna" are drained by its right tributaries: Shushica, Lumëbardhi i Pejës, Lumëbardhi i Deçanit, and Ereniku. On the left side of the Drini i Bardhë, the waters from the eastern part of "Bjeshkët e Nemuna" are drained by the river Istog. All these streams flow into Drini i Bardhë and through it into the Adriatic Sea. Lumëbardhi i Pejës is the right branch of Drini i Bardhë and has a total surface of the river basin of 503.3 km², while in Bjeshkët e Nemuna 264 km², or 52.4%. The upper flow of Lumëbardhi of Peja to the city of Peja as a whole has the character of a mountain flow and covers more than half of the surface of the Cursed Mountains.

It should be noted a number of very beautiful lakes located in the proposed area National Park. An interaction of water and karst substrate of "Bjeshkët e Nemuna", has made the area characterized by a large number of caves and canals. Thus, in recent years it has been explored by Czech speleologists in collaboration with local caves called the Great Cave. (3)

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Strict nature reserves in the National Park "Bjeshkët e Nemuna":

1. Bjeshka e Kuzhnjerit / Maja e Ropsit - area 1,110. 57, (2016).

Plant reserves of the species Molika, Fir, Pine, Beech, and Wild Goat (*Rupicapra rupicapra* L.).

2. Prilep Mountains - area 106.04 (2016). Pure plant reserves of mountain maple (*Acer heildreichii*) and Arnen (*Pinus peuce*).

3. Gubavci - area 76.86, (2016). Endemo-relict shaft plant reserves (*Forsythia europea*).

These reserves as well as other strict reserves should be in special focus of the respective institutions. (4)

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Turism in “Bjeshkët e Nemuna”

“Bjeshkët e Nemuna” are known for their rich cultural traditions. Natural beauties and rarities, characteristic clothing, customs and traditions, Rugova dance, etc. are rare cultural values, attractive to any visitor.



Numerous caves have high tourist and study values, such as the Cave of Radavc, Karamakaz, the small princess caves, the caves along Gërle e Koshutanit, the cave near Gurra e Rutës, etc.,

which in the future may also be centers of study by speleologists.


When we talk about mountaineering, we find expressions and opportunities for excellent development in the rocky massif, in the second region of “Bjeshkët e Nemuna”, as the peak of Gjeravica 1656m going towards the border in Boriq 2330m and in the rocky peaks in the north of Albania as Maja e Hekurave, Shkelzeni. The resource territory of Drini i Bardhë also offers very suitable conditions, then the territory of the lakes of Leqinat and some other terrains where the capacities for summer rest and treatment can be developed.

According to the data in “Bjeshkët e Nemuna” there are about 31,500 m and can withstand up to 30,000 skiers. The main terrains for skiing are; Kopranik, Rusolia Peak, Liqenat Mountains and Mokna Mountains. The areas in the territory of Boga, Kuqishta, Bjeshkët e Lumbardhit, Mokna and some other terrains have very good preconditions for the development of tourism.


The attractiveness of the territory, especially of Rugova Gorge, historical cultural monuments, other natural values, has a significant impact on the motivation of weekend tourism. The rich cultural-ethnographic heritage, settlements and villages in the areas of Rugova (handicrafts, folklore of Rugova) are also a great motive for coming to this National Park. (5) (6)

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DISPOZITAT NDESHKIMORE SIPAS LIGJIT PER MBROJTJEN E NATYRES



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1.2. zhdukë llojin e egër autokton (neni 86 paragrafi 3. të këtij ligji).
2. Me gjobë, në vlerë së paku njëmijë (1.000) gjer në katërmijë (4.000) Euro do të dënohet për kundërvajtje nga paragrafi 1. i këtij neni personi fizik dhe personi përgjegjës i personit juridik.

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MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGULATION

7 May 2021

Report:

During the period March - December 2020, fines and criminal reports filed by the Directorate of Administration of the National Park "Bjeshkët e Nemuna" against offenders are 32 denunciations for illegal logging and 118 criminal reports for illegal construction.

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12 May 2021

Report:

During March 2021, the fines and criminal charges filed by the Directorate of Administration of the National Park "Bjeshkët e Nemuna" against violators are: 3 denunciations for illegal logging and 10 criminal reports for illegal construction. While during April 2021, 6 denunciations were filed for illegal logging and 4 criminal reports for illegal constructions.

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25 June 2021

Report:

During May, 7 denunciations were issued for deforestation, while 40 criminal reports were prepared for illegal constructions.

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29 June 2021

During May, 7 denunciations were issued for deforestation, while 40 criminal reports were prepared for illegal constructions.

Protected areas in general and National Parks in particular continue to be the target of many illegal activities which are strictly prohibited by law.



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13 August 2021

Report:

During the time period (June - July 2021) 8 denunciations were filed for illegal logging and 30 criminal reports for illegal construction.



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21 September 2021

Report:

During the period (August 1-31) 5 denunciations were filed for illegal logging and 30 criminal reports for illegal construction.

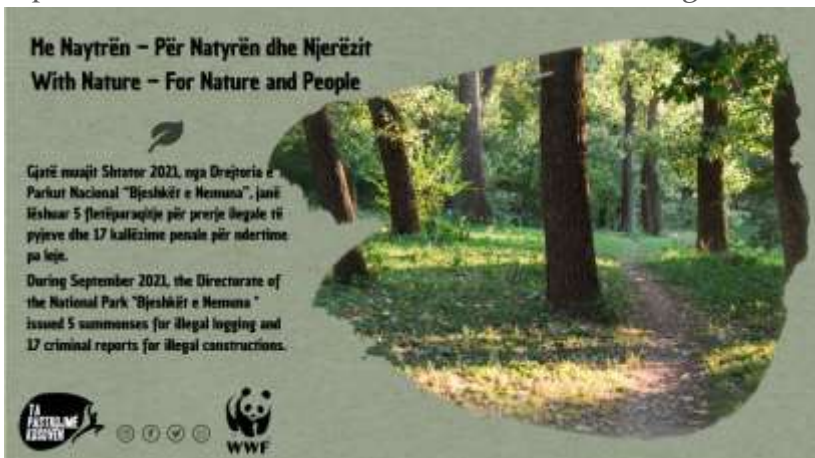


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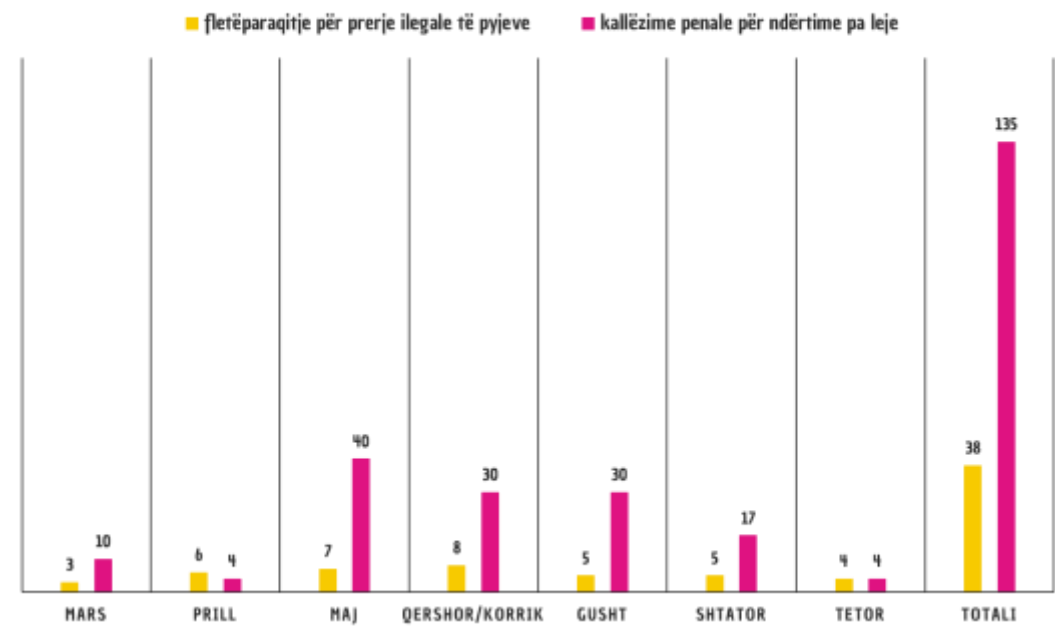
Report:

During September 2021, 5 denunciations were filed for illegal logging and 17 criminal reports for illegal construction.

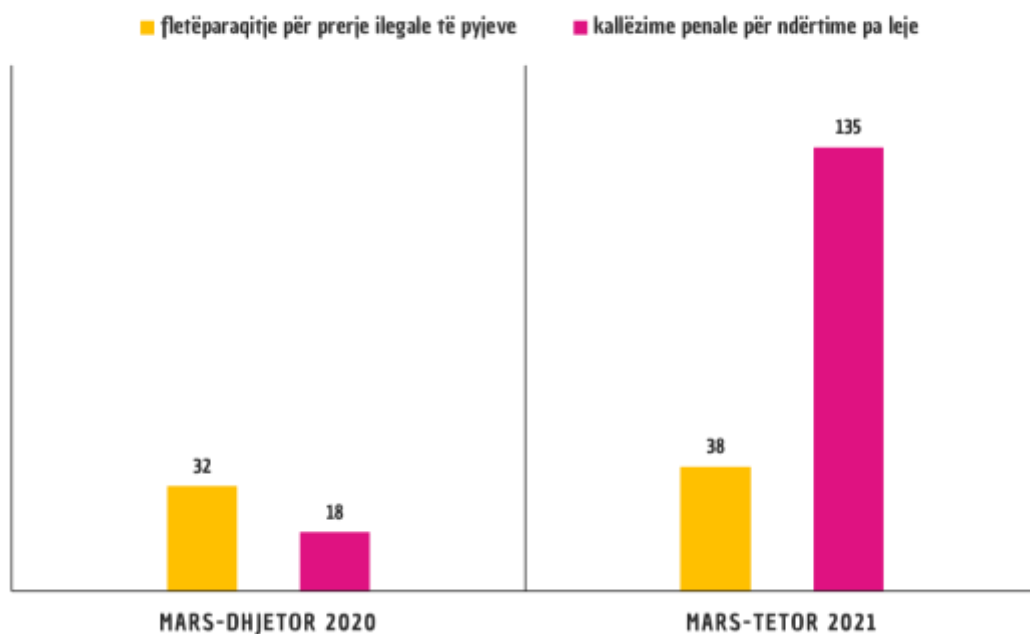


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ORGANISING THE DISCUSSION TABLE "ALL IN PROTECTION OF BJESHKËT E NEMUNA"

4 November 2021



During the roundtable the actors discussed about the role of institutions and the community in preserving the protected area National Park "Bjeshkët e Nemuna", the condition of this park and the possibilities of conservation and sustainable use in the future.

Invited to the roundtable were all relevant actors including representatives from the Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure, the Environmental Protection Agency in Kosovo, the Institute for Nature Protection, the Directorate of the National Park "Bjeshkët e Nemuna", Municipality of Peja, Civil society and community representatives.





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Recommendations

The debate that took place was constructive and quite fruitful. Some of the recommendations that were drawn from this meeting are:

1. Give the deadline for the approval of the Spatial Plan.
2. The final draft of the Spatial Plan should be accessible to all.
3. More advanced institutional coordination.
4. Respect for the rights of the community for the use or compensation by the state of their assets.
5. Take responsibility from the competent institutions to extend waste management within the Park area, expansion of mobile teams, co-participation by the Ministry and Municipalities.
6. Facilitate the process of legalization of private buildings.
7. To pass the final draft of the Spatial Plan where the community was also part during the discussion.
8. To review constructions without permits and without criteria on both private and public lands.

MEDIA PUBLICATIONS

19 May 2021

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5 November 2021

Environmental Protection Agency in Kosovo - <https://www.facebook.com/AMMKKEPAAZSK/posts/4853158268051254>

10 November 2021

Live Stream of the Discussion Table

RTV Fontana - https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=566879674543426

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