

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Bank Austria, DekaBank and Société Générale will no longer support the export financing of the Ilisu project.**

In line with the decision of the Export Credit Agencies, the three banks will apply the mechanism foreseen in case the contractually agreed measures ensuring the World Bank guidelines on environment, resettlement and cultural heritage are not fully implemented.

The export credit granted by Bank Austria, DekaBank and Société Générale for the construction of the Ilisu dam is therefore no longer available.

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