

**News release from organisers of EC Struma**

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Dear rafting friends,

Unfortunately, I have some bad news today. The Euro Cup on river Struma can not be held. Despite hard economic crises that is shaking Bulgaria at the moment we did manage to get basic funds for race to be held, but the nature of our problem was technical. The dam on Struma river, that was to release water for this event, has technical problems with valve gate. If they open it for the race the gate could not be closed until the whole lake is drained, which would lead to ecological disaster for the lake. The horologic situation on Struma is bad for rafting and unfortunately we can not organize the race without that extra boost of water from the dam. Therefore please accept my apologize as the organizer of this race for it not being held. I wish that we could organize this event since everything was prepared for it to be even better then last year, and there were even more teams that applied than last year. I sincerely hope that you will find understanding for this situation and that we will not face problems like this in the future.

Best regards

Boris Purjakov

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