

Summary of Request #147 related to the Corridor Vc in FBH – Part 3 (Op ID 49058)

Note by IPAM

The Requesters have asked for confidentiality due to the risk of retaliation that they allege facing. Therefore, the original Request cannot be disclosed and IPAM has produced this summary for public disclosure. It should be noted that in summarising the information, IPAM has sought to maintain the original text as much as possible, with due regard for potential retaliation concerns.

During the period between 13 December 2024 and 28 January 2025, seven families from Malo Polje in Bosnia and Herzegovina submitted to IPAM Requests regarding the South Mostar–Tunnel Kvanj section of the [Corridor Vc in FBH – Part 3 Project \(OP 49058\)](#).

The Requesters live between 3m and 50m from the planned motorway and the access roads planned to be built and allege restricted access to their properties, impacts and disruption during the construction stage, and once the motorway becomes operational. They also anticipate pollution of the drinking water and economic displacement. Finally, Requesters allege insufficient stakeholder engagement after the decision was made on the motorway alignment. The following allegations of harm have been raised:

Access Disruption

- Requesters claim that the construction of the motorway and associated access roads will interfere with normal access to their properties both during and after construction. They believe that this will hinder mobility, disrupt daily life, and potentially limit their ability to use their properties as intended.
- A planned access road that Requesters weren't aware of will cross some properties, and further encroach upon key features of the properties.

Air and soil pollution

- Requesters expect disturbance due to dust from the motorway construction, and later from the road traffic.
- Requesters allege impacts on crops, organic fruits, and vegetables due to anticipated air, water, and soil pollution during motorway construction and once it becomes operational. They claim that this would prevent them growing eco-friendly produce.

Poor impacts assessment

- Requesters allege incorrect property information about buffer zones being presented to them, which in their view undermines their trust in the data being used for project decisions making process.
- Allegation that both during and after construction, the motorway and associated access roads will interfere with normal access to Requesters' properties, potentially limiting their ability to use it as intended.

Property devaluation and economic displacement

- Requesters claim that the combined impacts of the motorway, access roads, and embankments will reduce the market value of their properties.
- Several Requesters shared that they have invested their savings into the development of private homes, villas, and tourism businesses. They claim the motorway will disrupt these plans, threatening personal investments and future income.
- Requesters explained that the planned motorway embankment will be 22–23 meters high, casting prolonged shadows over their properties. They anticipate that this could result in the sun setting down three hours earlier than normal. Once construction is complete, the properties will remain in shadow, reducing access to natural sunlight.

Pollution of drinking water

- Environmental impacts on local wells and active springs haven't been properly identified. Contamination of drinking water in private wells built next to Requesters' houses. The motorway route and associated access roads would further threaten the well's integrity.

Stakeholder engagement and consultations

- Requesters allege inadequate stakeholder engagement and consultations after the decision on the motorway alignment was made. Some of the Requesters were not aware that the motorway route would pass between 3 - 50 meters from their properties.
- Requesters are being directed to engage with project contractors who are not fully aware of EBRD environmental and social requirements.
- Requesters allege miscommunication about receptors mapping and have not been notified about the consultation meeting organized in Blagaj in October 2024.