

**Differences between the “Semi Eastern” route half through Kresna Gorge, and the “Full Eastern” motorway route which fully bypasses the gorge to the East.**

	<b>Full eastern route – “G20 Eastern”</b>	<b>Half eastern route – “G10,5 Eastern”</b>
<b>Integrity of NATURA 2000 and Kresna Gorge</b>	Protects it fully. Other smaller impacts on other Natura 2000 sites can be fully mitigated.	Deteriorates it strongly – the traffic in the Gorge is already damaging populations of protected species, and expected to worsen.
<b>Conformity with the EU legislation (Habitats Directive 6(3))</b>	The only alternative in line with the EU legislation (besides the long tunnel)	Violates it, possible infringement procedure and lost 781 million EURO (for the construction of sections 1,2,4 of the motorway)
<b>Building costs</b>	About 600 million Euros. Possible source is the EU, because this alternative itself, is the only effective environmental mitigation measure for the protection of the NATURA 2000 site Kresna Gorge	About 600 million Euros (including by-pass of Kresna town and all so called “mitigation measures” along the existing road). Only possible source – Bulgarian budget and taxpayers, because it is a project violating EU legislation.
<b>Social impact – local road for the local population</b>	The only alternative preserving the existing road for local community and as bypass of the motorway.	Deprive the local community from a local road and free access to five mountain villages, agricultural lands and vineyards and mountain pastures.
<b>Social impact – agricultural lands and vineyards</b>	Avoid the key agricultural lands and vineyards of Kresna town	Affects the key areas with most fertile agricultural lands and areas cultivated with rare local types of vineyards (vine “Keratzuda”) in the surroundings of the Kresna town
<b>Social impact – sustainable tourism</b>	Protects the landscape of Kresna Gorge and pass via viaducts and tunnels through the adjacent sub-mountain area and thus protects tourist resources of the area and allows to develop sustainable tourism.	Do not allows intensive development of the sustainable tourism in the Kresna Gorge – intensive traffic (more than 8 000 vehicles per day in near future according to the official forecasts)