

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	LINEA GROUP HOLDING POTENZIAMENTO RETI
Project Number:	20120654
Country:	Italy
Project Description:	Upgrading and development of the gas, electricity distribution and district heating networks in selected provinces of the Lombardy and Emilia Romagna regions.

EIA required: No

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise¹: No

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment, including key issues and overall conclusion and recommendation

The project components fall under Annex II of Directive 2011/92/EU as transposed into Italian legislation. None of the planned components of the project are considered to require an EIA; however a condition has been included in the contract in the event that an EIA may be requested by the competent authority for a project component. The condition requires that the promoter completes any EIA or nature conservation area impact assessment and receives approval from the competent authorities prior to allocating the Bank's funds to the project component, and that copies of the relevant documents, including the consents, are furnished to the Bank.

The main impacts occur during construction, are temporary in nature, and are mitigated according to established practices in the sector. Likewise, by virtue of size, nature and location, it is not expected that these schemes will have a significant impact on sites of nature conservation.

The new configuration of the District Heating (DH) system will allow the promoter to increase the heat from high efficiency cogeneration plants (CHP) substituting individual gas boilers. This will lead to the reduction in the consumption of fossil fuels.

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Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The Italian legislation delegates the regions for the screening activity. None of the planned components of the project are considered to require an EIA.

No major environmental issues foreseen except for low probability catastrophic events as a consequence of flammable and explosion properties of natural gas.

The promoter is accredited to meet the standards of ISO 9001; ISO 14001 and OSHAS 18001. Site visits demonstrated the appropriate implementation of health, safety, security and environmental standards.

The main impacts occur during construction. Appropriate mitigating measures will be implemented to minimise impacts during construction and operation.

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¹ Only projects that meet the scope of the Pilot Exercise, as defined in the EIB draft Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: above 100,000 tons CO₂e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tons CO₂e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.