

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	<i>EP ENERGY DISTRIBUTION NETWORK SK</i>
Project Number:	<i>2013-0558</i>
Country:	<i>Slovakia</i>
Project Description:	<i>Modernisation and extension of electricity distribution network in Slovakia for 2014-2018</i>
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

(details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")

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

The programme comprises a large number of electricity distribution schemes from 400 V to 110 kV. All the planned 110 kV overhead line schemes involve reconductoring or renovation of existing lines. Given the characteristics and voltage range of the submitted project schemes and the thresholds established under national EIA legislation, none of the schemes are expected to require a full EIA.

None of the identified project schemes are planned to be carried out close or in a conservation area. Should this be the case, the relevant competent authority will screen the project to determine whether an appropriate assessment under the Habitats Directive is required.

Overall the environmental impacts of the project are expected to be modest and mainly relate to noise, vibration, dust, and traffic disruption during the construction and electromagnetic fields (EMF) and noise disturbance during operation. The promoter has the experience and the capacity to appropriately manage the programme. The programme is acceptable to the Bank in environmental terms.

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Environmental Assessment

Appropriate mitigation measures will be implemented to minimise impacts during construction and operation. In densely populated areas, particular attention will be paid to contain the effect of noise, vibrations and traffic disruption during the construction works.

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.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The promoter is accredited to meet ISO 14001 the standard. The promoter has developed an environmental management plan and has established an action plan to follow up its implementation. Its environmental performance is assessed by means of a set of indicators. Indicators and the action plan target a continuous improvement from year to year.

Conclusion

The Bank will require the promoter to undertake not to allocate Bank's funds to project component that would require a full EIA.

The promoter undertakes to store and keep updated any documents as may be relevant for the project supporting the compliance with the provisions under the EU Habitat and Birds Directives and shall promptly upon request deliver such documents to the Bank.