

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name: *ITALGAS DISTRIBUZIONE III*
Project Number: *20140015*
Country: *Italy*
Project Description: Network extension and implementation of safety measures for gas distribution in various locations: Liguria, Piedmont, Veneto, Tuscany, Friuli, Rome and Sicily.

EIA required: no

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise¹: 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 principally comprises of these types of gas distribution network investments: metallic pipe replacement (replaced by polyethylene and steel); network extension (with new connections), corrosion prevention and other network refurbishments (e.g. upgrading existing connections).

The activities will be undertaken using standard technologies and the promoter is very experienced. The main impacts occur during construction, are temporary in nature, and are mitigated according to established practices in the sector.

Most of the investment will take place in Rome. In such a city with significant archaeological and urban heritage, the promoter has processes in place to ensure that the reinstatement of excavated areas is carried out rigorously, that the surface disturbance is minimised and in any case reinstated, and that in the case of any archaeological discoveries the relevant authorities are involved. The appraisal visit confirmed that archaeologists were present at work sites and that due care was taken when areas of potential interest were discovered.

The programme 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 meet the requirements for an EIA.

The promoter undertakes to provide to the Bank, if requested, any decisions that screen out project components from undertaking a full Environmental Impact Assessment.

The project's environmental basis is acceptable for Bank financing.

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.

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Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The promoter has provided evidence of sound practice with respect to environmental management and confirmed that all new projects are assessed for environmental impact. In addition to systems to meet regulatory requirements, the promoter has a comprehensive environmental management system which assesses new projects and monitors on-going operations and follows regulations regarding management of cultural heritage assets.

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 operation will provide environmental benefits through some reduction of methane leaks, through the substitution of more polluting fuel sources by gas and the installation of energy efficient lighting.