

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	NORD PAS DE CALAIS THD
Project Number:	2015-0392
Country:	France
Project Description:	Design, roll-out and operation of a publicly owned fibre broadband network PIN (Public initiative network) covering areas not served by commercial operators in the Nord-Pas-de-Calais Region, France.

EIA required: No

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise¹: No

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

Investments in fixed telecommunications projects (including civil works investments for fibre roll-out and transmission systems) do not fall under Annex I or II of the EIA Directive 2011/92 EC.

Fixed telecommunications systems have limited environmental effects, apart from disturbances during civil work constructions, which will be mitigated by appropriate measures.

Hence the project is deemed to be environmentally acceptable for EIB financing.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

Concerning the "Habitats" Directive 92/43/EEC and related Natura 2000 protection sites, around 6000 households covered by the project, representing around 0.3% of the region's total households have been identified as being located in Natura 2000 areas. The relevant legislation does not include any provision regarding telecoms infrastructures, since individual schemes are small and not expected to have any significant negative impact.

In order to minimize the impact during construction, the promoter will make use of existing infrastructure to the extent possible with the aim of reducing the disturbances during construction.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The promoter has indicated that in certain parts of historical cities, the implementation of the respective project components may require permission from the authorities responsible of the visual impact on cultural heritage (e.g. architectes des bâtiments de France). Limitation of the use aerial connection or underground installations of street-cabinets are some of the conditions these authorities might impose on the promoter for specific sites.

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.