

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	Tauron Electricity Distribution
Project Number:	2010-0574
Country:	Poland
Project Description:	The project consists of a 5 year investment programme (2011-2015), to reinforce, modernise and extend the electricity networks of the promoter's electricity distribution company, Tauron Distribution S.A.
EIA:	Requirement is unlikely; however the possibility exists that EIA(s) may be required on some schemes.
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	No

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

All project schemes fall under Annex II of the EIA directive thus implying a review by the competent authorities at the planning/consent stage with due regard to the necessity for an environmental and biodiversity assessment. Relevant regional environmental administrative authorities under the responsibility of the director general of Environmental protection are responsible for determining whether an EIA is required and also issuing the environmental authorisation for the relevant schemes.

The impacts that can be expected for the project schemes relate to visual impact, impact on flying vertebrates, vegetation clearance, electromagnetic fields, noise nuisance, and disturbance during construction. However, the majority of the project schemes will be medium-low voltage reinforcements that will not require formal EIAs and are expected to have minimal environmental impact. 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 Bank will require the Promoter to undertake not to allocate the Bank's funds to project components that require an EIA until the EIA with the integrated biodiversity assessment has been finalised and approved by the competent authority. An electronic copy of all Non-Technical Summaries (NTS) and of the corresponding authorization decrees must be placed on a web-site of the promoter when the EIA is made available to the public and when environmental authorisation is achieved, and maintained until completion of reporting as required by the Bank.

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Environmental Impact and Mitigation

The environmental capacity of the promoter is deemed to be good. Within the promoter's distribution company there is a specific environmental division whose role is to ensure

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.

compliance with national and EU environmental regulations. This division is staffed with appropriately qualified and experienced personnel.

Social Assessment, where applicable

There are no particular social aspects involved in this project.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

The promoter has implemented a responsible approach in its dealings with the natural environment and follows EU and national/regional requirements including public consultation and engagement with key stakeholders. Overall the Promoter's procedures are acceptable.

EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise

Not included as CO₂ footprint falls below threshold levels.