

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

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| Project Name: | WESTERN POLAND ENERGY DISTRIBUTION |
| Project Number: | 2011-0355 |
| Country: | Poland |
| Project Description: | The project consists in a 4-year investment programme (2012-2015), to maintain, modernise and extend the electricity networks of the promoter's electricity distribution company, ENEA Operator |
| EIA: | EIA(s) are going to be required for some schemes. |

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise: 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 environmental and biodiversity impact assessments. 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. As far as the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC is concerned, the permitting procedure applied by the regional authorities involves systematic consultations with the competent authority which is responsible for ensuring compliance with the biodiversity-related legislation.

The large majority of the project schemes to be financed by the Bank will be medium and low voltage reinforcements that will most likely not require formal EIAs and are expected to have minimal or no environmental impact. Likewise, by virtue of size, nature and location, these schemes are not expected to have a significant impact on sites of nature conservation. The environmental capacity of the promoter is deemed to be satisfactory. It complies with national environmental regulations and EU Directives. Given that the promoter is implementing the appropriate mitigating measures for this type of programme and the residual environmental impacts are expected to be limited, the project is acceptable to the Bank.

In the event that a programme component to be financed with the Bank's funds requires an Environmental Impact Assessment, the Bank will require the Promoter to undertake not to allocate the Bank's funds to this component until the EIA with the associated biodiversity assessment has been finalised and approved by the competent authority. In such a case, an electronic copy of a Non-Technical Summary (NTS) of the Environmental Impact Statement will have to be sent to the Bank (for review and publication on the Bank's website).

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Environmental Impact and Mitigation

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. Typical mitigation measures include special construction procedures to minimize damages, construction of facilities to contain oil leaking from

transformers and others. The promoter is experienced and capable to mitigate the impacts to an acceptable level through their planning procedures.

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.