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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	AISNE PROGRAMME TRES HAUT DEBIT
Project Number:	20170429
Country:	FRANCE
Project Description:	The project relates to the design and roll-out of a publicly owned passive fibre broadband network PIN ("Public initiative network" or "Réseau d'Initiative Publique" or "RIP") in the Aisne department, France.
EIA required:	No

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise[1]: No

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

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project concerns fixed telecommunications systems that have limited environmental effects, apart from disturbances during civil work constructions, which will be mitigated by appropriate measures. The reuse of existing infrastructures will help to reduce the potential impact of the implementation of the project even further.

The tender documents of the concession stipulate that the bidders shall comply with all applicable environmental regulations and minimize the impact of the works. The reuse of existing infrastructures will minimise the environmental impact of the works.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

High speed broadband networks allow the implementation of innovative services such as videoconferencing, telemedicine in those less densely populated areas. They can therefore have a positive environmental contribution.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Investments in fixed telecommunications projects (including civil works for fibre roll-out and transmission systems) do not fall under Annex I or II of the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU amending the Directive 2011/92/EU.

With the above measures in place, the project is deemed to be acceptable for EIB financing in environmental and social terms.

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[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.