The European Union's 2008 IPA Programme for Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo*, Turkey and Iceland

Infrastructure Projects Facility Technical Assistance Window (IPF TA) Western Balkans

EuropeAid/128073/C/SER/MULTI

WB4bis-REG-ENE-01:

Feasibility Study and ESIA for Elbasan (AL) - Bitola (MK) 400 kV Transmission Line

Macedonian Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP): Section from Bitola (MK) to MK/AL Border

14.10.2012



This project is funded by the European Union

COWI • IPF CONSORTIUM

*) This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

COWI • IPF CONSORTIUM

WB4bis-REG-ENE-01:

Feasibility Study and ESIA for Elbasan (AL) - Bitola (MK) 400 kV Transmission Line

Macedonian Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP): Section from Bitola (MK) to MK/AL Border

14.10.2012

Document no. Version Date of issue Prepared Checked Approved WB4bis-REG-ENE-01: MK Stakeholder Engagement Plan 1 14/10/2012 Konstantin Siderovski, WB4bis-REG-ENE-01 Project Team Heikki Lehtimaki Ole Johansen

WB4bis-REG-ENE-01: Macedonian Stakeholder Engagement Plan.14.10.2012

COWI • IPF CONSORTIUM

Table of Contents

1		Synopsis	5
2		Introduction	6
3		Project Location	7
4		Requirements for Stakeholders Engagement	9
	4.1	The Public Participation Provisions of Macedonian Legislation	9
	4.2	EBRD Requirements	10
5		Stakeholder Identification and Communication Methods	12
6		Review of Stakeholders Engagement to Date	14
7		Planned Information Disclosure and Public Consultation	15
8		Grievance Mechanism	19
9		Developer's Contact Information and Responsible Person	20
Арр	endi	x 1 – Project Map	21
Арр	endi	x 2 - Stakeholder Register and Communication Methods	22
App	endi	x 3 – Grievance Mechanism	27
Арр	endi	x 4 – An Overview of the Stakeholder Engagement so far	29

Infrastructure Projects Facility - Technical Assistance Window (IPF TA) Feasibility Study and ESIA for Elbasan (AL) - Bitola (MK) 400 kV Transmission Line

List of Tables:

Table 1 - Summary of PR10 requirements1	0
Table 2 - Stakeholder classification1	2
Table 3 - Disclosure of the ESIA package for public review / 11	7
Table 4 - Disclosure of the ESIA package for public review / 21	8
Table 5 - Stakeholder identification – settlements along the proposed OHL2	2
Table 6 - Stakeholder identification – participate in implementation of the Project 2	2
Table 7 - Stakeholder identification – key influence and decision makers / 12	3
Table 8 - Stakeholder identification – key influence and decision makers / 22	4
Table 9 - Stakeholder identification – key influence and decision makers / 32	5
Table 10 - Stakeholder identification – Non-governmental organizations	6

List of Figures:

Figure 1 - OHL corridor and overview of affected municipalities	7
Figure 2 - Flowchart for processing of grievances	27
Figure 3 - Public Grievance Form for the project	28

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

a.s.l.above sea levelAL/ALBAlbaniaEBRDEuropean Bank for Reconstruction and DevelopmentECEuropean CommissionEIAEnvironmental Impact AssessmentESIAEnvironmental and Social Impact AssessmentFSFeasibility StudyIFIInternational Financial InstitutionsIPFInfrastructure Project FacilityKfWKfW Bankengruppe, Frankfurt am Main, GermanyMEPPMinistry of Environment and Physical PlanningMEPSOTransmission System operator of the Republic of MacedoniaMK/MKDMacedoniaOHLOverhead (Transmission) Line(s)OSTTransmission System Operator of AlbaniaSEPStakeholder Engagement PlanSSSubstationTPPThermal Power PlantTSOTransmission System OperatorSEPStakeholder Engagement Plan		
EBRDEuropean Bank for Reconstruction and DevelopmentECEuropean CommissionEIAEnvironmental Impact AssessmentESIAEnvironmental and Social Impact AssessmentFSFeasibility StudyIFIInternational Financial InstitutionsIPFInfrastructure Project FacilityKfWKfW Bankengruppe, Frankfurt am Main, GermanyMEPPMinistry of Environment and Physical PlanningMEPSOTransmission System operator of the Republic of MacedoniaMK/MKDMacedoniaOHLOverhead (Transmission) Line(s)OSTTransmission System Operator of AlbaniaSEPStakeholder Engagement PlanSSSubstationTPPThermal Power PlantTSOTransmission System Operator	a.s.l.	above sea level
ECEuropean CommissionEIAEnvironmental Impact AssessmentESIAEnvironmental and Social Impact AssessmentFSFeasibility StudyIFIInternational Financial InstitutionsIPFInfrastructure Project FacilityKfWKfW Bankengruppe, Frankfurt am Main, GermanyMEPPMinistry of Environment and Physical PlanningMEPSOTransmission System operator of the Republic of MacedoniaMK/MKDMacedoniaOHLOverhead (Transmission) Line(s)OSTTransmission System Operator of AlbaniaSEPStakeholder Engagement PlanSSSubstationTPPThermal Power PlantTSOTransmission System Operator	AL/ALB	Albania
EIAEnvironmental Impact AssessmentESIAEnvironmental and Social Impact AssessmentFSFeasibility StudyIFIInternational Financial InstitutionsIPFInfrastructure Project FacilityKfWKfW Bankengruppe, Frankfurt am Main, GermanyMEPPMinistry of Environment and Physical PlanningMEPSOTransmission System operator of the Republic of MacedoniaMK/MKDMacedoniaOHLOverhead (Transmission) Line(s)OSTTransmission System Operator of AlbaniaSEPStakeholder Engagement PlanSSSubstationTPPThermal Power PlantTSOTransmission System Operator	EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ESIAEnvironmental and Social Impact AssessmentFSFeasibility StudyIFIInternational Financial InstitutionsIPFInfrastructure Project FacilityKfWKfW Bankengruppe, Frankfurt am Main, GermanyMEPPMinistry of Environment and Physical PlanningMEPSOTransmission System operator of the Republic of MacedoniaOHLOverhead (Transmission) Line(s)OSTTransmission System Operator of AlbaniaSEPStakeholder Engagement PlanSSSubstationTPPThermal Power PlantTSOTransmission System Operator	EC	European Commission
FSFeasibility StudyIFIInternational Financial InstitutionsIPFInfrastructure Project FacilityKfWKfW Bankengruppe, Frankfurt am Main, GermanyMEPPMinistry of Environment and Physical PlanningMEPSOTransmission System operator of the Republic of MacedoniaMK/MKDMacedoniaOHLOverhead (Transmission) Line(s)OSTTransmission System Operator of AlbaniaSEPStakeholder Engagement PlanSSSubstationTPPThermal Power PlantTSOTransmission System Operator	EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
IFIInternational Financial InstitutionsIPFInfrastructure Project FacilityKfWKfW Bankengruppe, Frankfurt am Main, GermanyMEPPMinistry of Environment and Physical PlanningMEPSOTransmission System operator of the Republic of MacedoniaMK/MKDMacedoniaOHLOverhead (Transmission) Line(s)OSTTransmission System Operator of AlbaniaSEPStakeholder Engagement PlanSSSubstationTPPThermal Power PlantTSOTransmission System Operator	ESIA	Environmental and Social Impact Assessment
IPFInfrastructure Project FacilityKfWKfW Bankengruppe, Frankfurt am Main, GermanyMEPPMinistry of Environment and Physical PlanningMEPSOTransmission System operator of the Republic of MacedoniaMK/MKDMacedoniaOHLOverhead (Transmission) Line(s)OSTTransmission System Operator of AlbaniaSEPStakeholder Engagement PlanSSSubstationTPPThermal Power PlantTSOTransmission System Operator	FS	Feasibility Study
KfWKfW Bankengruppe, Frankfurt am Main, GermanyMEPPMinistry of Environment and Physical PlanningMEPSOTransmission System operator of the Republic of MacedoniaMK/MKDMacedoniaOHLOverhead (Transmission) Line(s)OSTTransmission System Operator of AlbaniaSEPStakeholder Engagement PlanSSSubstationTPPThermal Power PlantTSOTransmission System Operator	IFI	International Financial Institutions
MEPPMinistry of Environment and Physical PlanningMEPSOTransmission System operator of the Republic of MacedoniaMK/MKDMacedoniaOHLOverhead (Transmission) Line(s)OSTTransmission System Operator of AlbaniaSEPStakeholder Engagement PlanSSSubstationTPPThermal Power PlantTSOTransmission System Operator	IPF	Infrastructure Project Facility
MEPSOTransmission System operator of the Republic of MacedoniaMK/MKDMacedoniaOHLOverhead (Transmission) Line(s)OSTTransmission System Operator of AlbaniaSEPStakeholder Engagement PlanSSSubstationTPPThermal Power PlantTSOTransmission System Operator	KfW	KfW Bankengruppe, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
MK/MKDMacedoniaOHLOverhead (Transmission) Line(s)OSTTransmission System Operator of AlbaniaSEPStakeholder Engagement PlanSSSubstationTPPThermal Power PlantTSOTransmission System Operator	MEPP	Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning
OHLOverhead (Transmission) Line(s)OSTTransmission System Operator of AlbaniaSEPStakeholder Engagement PlanSSSubstationTPPThermal Power PlantTSOTransmission System Operator	MEPSO	Transmission System operator of the Republic of Macedonia
OSTTransmission System Operator of AlbaniaSEPStakeholder Engagement PlanSSSubstationTPPThermal Power PlantTSOTransmission System Operator	MK/MKD	Macedonia
SEPStakeholder Engagement PlanSSSubstationTPPThermal Power PlantTSOTransmission System Operator	OHL	Overhead (Transmission) Line(s)
SS Substation TPP Thermal Power Plant TSO Transmission System Operator	OST	Transmission System Operator of Albania
TPP Thermal Power Plant TSO Transmission System Operator	SEP	Stakeholder Engagement Plan
TSO Transmission System Operator	SS	Substation
	TPP	Thermal Power Plant
SEP Stakeholder Engagement Plan	TSO	Transmission System Operator
	SEP	Stakeholder Engagement Plan
WBIF West Balkans Investment Framework	WBIF	West Balkans Investment Framework

Infrastructure Projects Facility - Technical Assistance Window (IPF TA) Feasibility Study and ESIA for Elbasan (AL) - Bitola (MK) 400 kV Transmission Line

1 Synopsis

Project Title:	Feasibility Study and ESIA for Elbasan (AL) - Bitola (MK) 400 kV Transmission Line		
Project Number:	WB4bis-REG-ENE-01		
Contractor:	COWI-IPF Consortium		
Beneficiaries:	OST (AL) and MEPSO (MK)		
Lenders:	EBRD, KfW		
Location:	Tirana and Skopje		
Project start date:	26/01/2012		
Project Duration:	12 months		
Anticipated completion:	January 2013		

2 Introduction

This Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) refers to the project for construction of a 400 kV Overhead Line (OHL) in Macedonia from Bitola to MK/AL border (and further on to Elbasan, Albania), referred to as "the Project".

The project developer is the Macedonian Transmission System Operator - MEPSO (further referred to as "the Developer").

The project intention is to construct and operate a 400 kV overhead transmission line from Bitola to Macedonian / Albanian border (and further on to Elbasan, Albania) and to construct and operate a new 400/110 kV substation in Ohrid area. It also includes activities to upgrade existing substation Bitola 2 to accommodate the proposed 400 kV transmission line.

The proposed OHL will contribute to a significantly better, more powerful transmission network in south-west Macedonia as well as more reliable power supply and reducing electrical supply constraints for further economic developments in the wider project region. In regional context, the project will improve the reliability of the regional network, the overall security of supply, and operational issues such as system stability. It will also improve the network capacity to facilitate anticipated load and transit growth as well as new generation connections in the Balkans Region. In addition, the proposed OHL development will allow mutual support between Macedonia and Albania to complement power generation types (Albania - hydro, Macedonia - thermal).

This Stakeholder Engagement Plan has been developed in compliance with EBRD's Performance Requirements, EBRD's Public Information Policy and best international practice in order to enhance public information and stakeholder¹⁾ engagement procedures. It will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis throughout the entire project.

¹⁾ "Stakeholder" is a person, group or organization that is affected or can be affected by the environmental and/or social consequences of a proposed project/activity; this includes individuals/groups/organisations that express interest in the project/activity and in the participation to round tables and discussion meetings, and/or are able to influence the project's implementation and/or operations.

3 Project Location

The proposed OHL corridor passes through the territory of seven Macedonian municipalities: Novaci, Mogila, Bitola, Resen, Ohrid, Debrca i Struga.

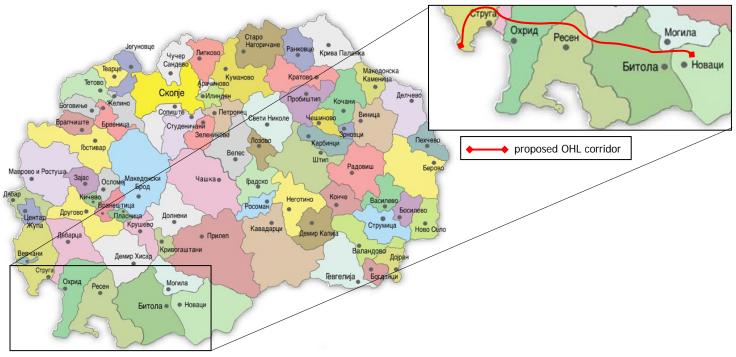


Figure 1 - OHL corridor and overview of affected municipalities

The proposed OHL corridor is situated in the south-western region of Macedonia. It passes various geographical features from its starting point in flat area of the Pelagonija Field via hilly and mountainous northern slopes of the Baba Mountain through the Prespa Valley to the Struga Field at the northern side of the Ohrid Lake and eastern bottom edge of the Jablanica Mountain.

In general, the proposed OHL corridor follows, as much as practicable, the corridor of the existing 110 kV OHL Bitola-Resen-Ohrid-Struga.

Its starting point is the existing MEPSO's substation Bitola 2 in the locality Tebalica in the immediate vicinity of the thermal power plant (TPP) REK Bitola.

From its starting point, the corridor continues toward north-west over the Pelagonija Field, avoiding the settlements in its surroundings (Dobromiri, Trn, Mogila). At the locality Karamanski Pat it turns to south-west, crossing the roads Bitola-Prilep and Bitola-Kicevo to the hilly area above the village Krklino. From the locality Korija (in immediate vicinity to the road Bitola-Ohrid on its north side) the proposed corridor turns toward west up to a point in the area of the village Gjavato.

At the locality Gradiste on the southern slopes of the Bigla Mountain, the corridor turns to north-west, following the existing 110 kV OHL, avoiding the set-

tlement Sopotsko and bypassing the town Resen in wide ring. Further on to north, it avoids villages Kriveni, Leva Reka as well as Krusje karst area (water supply facilities for Resen). At the area of the village Svinista, the corridor turns to western direction, avoiding the villages Rasino and Livoista and enters the Struga Field by crossing the road Ohrid-Kicevo. Within the Struga Field, at the locality Veljo Pole, the OHL corridor turns to south-west and avoids the villages Volino and Moroista.

On the western edge of the Struga Field, at the locality Belicka Krasta the proposed OHL corridor turns to south toward the crossing point on the Macedonian-Albanian border (locality Kafasan) following bottom east slopes of the Jablanica Mountain. It avoids the villages Zagracani, Radolista, Frangovo and Mali Vlaj.

A map of the project area with the proposed OHL corridor is given in Appendix 1.

4.1 The Public Participation Provisions of Macedonian Legislation

Public participation in spatial planning and environmental protection processes in Macedonia is regulated by:

• Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention), (Official Gazette of RM no. 40/99)

The Aarhus Convention grants the public rights regarding access to information, public participation and access to justice, in governmental decisionmaking processes on matters concerning the local, national and transboundary environment. It focuses on interactions between the public and public authorities. It is a way of enhancing the environmental governance network, introducing a reactive and trustworthy relationship between civil society and governments and adding the novelty of a mechanism created to empower the value of public participation in the decision making process and guarantee access to justice: a "governance-by-disclosure" that leads a shift toward an environmentally responsible society. The Aarhus Convention has been ratified by Macedonia in 1999.

• Law on Spatial and Urban Planning ((Official Gazette of RM no. 51/05, 137/07, 91/09, 124/10 and 18/11)

This law regulates the system of spatial and urban development of Macedonia, including public information and participation throughout the process of development and adoption of planning documents.

Law on the Environment (Official Gazette of RM no. 53/05, 81/05, 24/07, 159/08, 83/09, 48/10, 124/10 and 51/11) and associated secondary regulation

This law and the associated secondary legislation set out the requirements for undertaking environmental impact assessment (EIA) of potential environmental impacts of public and private projects which are likely to have a significant impact on the environment before development consent / construction permit is granted in the form of approval for project implementation.

The law also defines the rules and detailed procedures for including the public in the decision-making process. The practical public involvement is performed through: a) disclosing of the information to the public, b) public participation where public can actively be involved in public discussions and submitting its written opinion within the different EIA phases of the procedure and c) through the mechanism of access to justice, when public could influence the decision making with submitting appeals to the Court or Second Instance Commission of the Government.

4.2 EBRD Requirements

Since the EBRD may be involved in financing the project, it must meet the best international practices and the requirements for stakeholder engagement and public consultations as specified in the EBRD Environmental and Social Policy of 2008. The principles, requirements, methodological and procedural aspects of stakeholder engagement for EBRD Category A projects are described in detail in PR10 "Information Disclosure and Stakeholder Engagement". PR10 outlines a systematic approach to stakeholder engagement that helps clients build and maintain over time a constructive relationship with their stakeholders, in particular the locally affected communities (Table 1).

Performance Requirement (PR)	Description
	The EBRD considers stakeholder engagement as an essential part of good business practices and corporate citizenship, and a way of improving the quality of projects. In particular, effective com- munity engagement is central to the successful management of risks and impacts on communities affected by projects, as well as central to achiev- ing enhanced community benefits.
PR10: Information Disclosure and Stakeholder Engagement	<u>Stakeholder engagement</u> is an ongoing process involving (i) the client's public disclosure of ap- propriate information so as to enable meaningful consultation with stakeholders, (ii) meaningful consultation with potentially affected parties, and (iii) a procedure or policy by which people can make comments or complaints. This process should begin at the earliest stage of project plan- ning and continue throughout the life of the pro- ject.
	This PR outlines a systematic approach to stake- holder engagement that will help clients build and maintain over time a constructive relationship with their stakeholders, in particular the locally affected communities. The process of stakeholder engagement is an essential component of the ap- praisal, management and monitoring of environ- mental and social issues associated with the cli- ent's investments.

Table 1 - Summary of PR10 requirements

In summary, the following system of stakeholder engagement is applicable to this project, as proposed by MEPSO:

- **Identification of project stakeholder groups.** Identification of stakeholders, including in particularly those members of the public who could be affected by the construction and operation of the substation and transmission line.
- Stakeholder engagement process and information disclosure. During this step, MEPSO is to ensure that identified stakeholders are appropriately engaged on environmental and social issues that could po-

tentially affect them through a process of information disclosure and meaningful consultation.

- **Meaningful consultation**. The consultation process will be based on the disclosure of information relevant to the project and MEPSO's activities and operations. The consultation process will be undertaken in a manner that is inclusive and culturally appropriate for all stakeholders.
- **Grievance mechanism.** Maintaining a grievance process by which the general public and other external stakeholders can raise concerns, and which will be handled in a prompt and consistent manner.

The following sections summarize how MEPSO has complied and will continue to comply with requirements for stakeholder engagement.

5 Stakeholder Identification and Communication Methods

There are several groups of people and social groups who are interested in the Project on different levels. These may be described as following:

- ✓ People, institutions and industries that will be directly or indirectly influenced by the project: residents of villages in the project area, affected land & residential owners, owners / operators of existing infrastructure along transport routes.
- ✓ People and institutions who participate in implementation of the project: EBRD, MEPSO, employees of MEPSO, construction contractor(s) and equipment suppliers.
- ✓ People and institutions that have a possibility to influence and make decisions on implementation of the project: local self governments (LSG) administrations and inspectorates, different responsible ministries and national agencies, UNESCO²⁾ authorities, and NGOs.

The following table represents the identified stakeholders in accordance to above classification.

Stakeholders that will be directly or indirectly af- fected by the Project	Stakeholders who par- ticipate in implementa- tion of the Project	Stakeholders with possibil- ity to influence and make decisions on implementa- tion of the Project
 Residents of municipalities, villages and communities where the transmission line and associated infrastructure will be located Land owners of OHL infrastructure sites Residents along transport routes Macedonian Business Community Operators/owners of local infrastructure (water piplines, roads etc.) 	 EBRD Other IFIs The Developer (MEPSO) Employees of the Developer (internal stakeholders) Construction companies Equipments suppliers 	 Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning Ministry of Agriculture, For- estry and Water Economy Ministry of Economy Ministry of Transport and Connections Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare Ministry of Culture State Agencies (environment, forestry, energy, culture, etc.) Local self governments (LSG) Local Inspectorates (commu- nal affairs, environment, trans- port, etc) UNESCO authorities NGOs – Associations on local and national level

Table 2 - Stakeholder classification

A variety of communication methods will be used as appropriate for each set of stakeholders. In general, these include:

• Public meetings

 $^{^{2)}}$ The route of the proposed transmission line passes through peripherial area of one UNESCO World Heritage Site – the Ohrid Area.

- Individual meetings
- Announcements in media
- Provision of general information on notice-boards at key public locations
- Regular mail / email correspondence
- Publication of relevant project information on the MEPSO website (www.mepso.com.mk).

A Stakeholder register and the appropriate communication methods for each of these stakeholders are given in Appendix 2.

6 Review of Stakeholders Engagement to Date

MEPSO has engaged with key stakeholders during the ESIA process. Attention has been paid to the identification of vulnerable stakeholders whose life and well-being could be affected by project activities. This involved a number of meetings with people who could be directly affected by the project, including a series of meetings in August - September 2012 with representatives from all affected municipaities and number of individual rural settlements close to the proposed transmission line corridor.

The key stakeholders expressed their views and concerns about:

(i) General public:

- Land acquisition / expropriation and compensation
- Effect on agricultural activities and associated irrigation practices in particular areas along the corridor (Pelagonija nad Struga Field)
- Exposure to the electric and magnetic fields from an operational transmission line and substation
- Nuisance due to construction activities (dust dispersion, noise and traffic)
- General conditions with the electricity supply (contribution of the proposed project toward improvement of voltage level and security / reliability of the electricity supply)

(ii) Municipal authorities:

- Spatial and urban planning aspects (proposed OHL corridor vis a vis existing and planned spatial / urban plans)

(iii) Non-governmental Organizations:

- Visual and landscape impacts
- Impacts to the forests and flora and fauna
- Impacts on Protected Areas

An overview of the stakeholder consultation process throughout the ESIA process is given in Appendix 4. MEPSO will continue to actively engage with these stakeholders during the next project stages.

7 Planned Information Disclosure and Public Consultation

Further stakeholder engagement will be guided by this Stakeholder Engagement Plan, with further engagement with people directly affected by the project also addressed in a Land Acquisition and Compensation Framework to be developed in 2013. This Framework will ensure that all land acquisition and other compensation will be in full compliance with Macedonian law and with EBRD Performance Requirement 5 and will be discussed with those who are directly affected people.

MEPSO intends to implement the Project as an example of good practice in the development of transmission lines and substation infrastructures with the aim to involve stakeholders and maintain good communication practices throughout the life of the project. According to this approach, the target of the information disclosure / communication will be:

- To provide to stakeholders a schedule and information on activities that will be arranged, together with the mechanisms for their feedback.
- To make public the commitment to ensure the best practices in terms of environment protection and health and safety for workers and contractors.
- To make available to the public a grievance procedure, in order to collect the negative feedback and to act in correcting the causes that may lead to a negative opinion about project.

General information comprising the most important information related to the various stages of the development of the Project (planning, construction and operations) will be available:

- MEPSO's website (www.mepso.com.mk)
- MEPSO's central and local premises
- on information board in offices of the concerned municipalities (see Appendix 2 Table 8 for addresses of Mayors' offices)

The ESIA package, including the ESIA (in Macedonian) and a Non-Technical Summary (NTS) of the ESIA, a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP), and an Environmental & Social Action Plan (ESAP) (all in English and Macedonian), and environmental decisions / permits (Macedonian) will be available in hard copies, on request from:

- Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, Blvd. Goce Delcev b.b., (MRTV, floor 10-11-12)
- Offices of the concerned municipalities (see Appendix 2 Table 8 for addresses of mayor's offices)
- The central premises of MEPSO in Skopje, Orce Nikolov str b.b., 1000 Skopje

• EBRD offices in Skopje (Soravia Centre Skopje, 7th floor, Vasil Adzilarski b.b., 1000 Skopje) and London (One Exchange Square, E14 8RP).

Electronic version of the ESIA as well as the NTS, the ESAP and this SEP will be available to the public on the websites of MEPSO (www.mepso.com.mk), the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning (www.moepp.gov.mk) and EBRD (www.ebrd.com). MEPSO will accept comments on all the draft documents for 120 days.

Engagement with the affected public will start when the ESIA package is available on the MEPP, MEPSO and EBRD web sites and in accordance with the rules for public consultations defined in the Macedonian Law on the Environment. A series of public meetings / public hearings along the proposed OHL route will be planned and organized in coordination with the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning.

The table below summarizes how the ESIA package will be disclosed for public review and comment.

Feasibility Study and ESIA for Elbasan (AL) - Bitola (MK) 400 kV Transmission Line

Upcoming Engagement Activities				
Stakeholder	How	When	Why	
All stakeholders	 Public announcements Websites of: EBRD: www.ebrd.com MEPSO: www.mepso.com.mk Ministry of Environme nt and Physical Planning: www.moepp.gov.mk Concerned municipalities: Novaci: www.opstinanovaci.gov.mk Mogila: www.mogila.gov.mk	After project's ESIA disclosure:	 ESIA consultation process: EBRD requirements Macedonian requirements (formal procedure in compliance with national EIA regulations upon public disclosure the EIA report) 	
Governmental institutionsLocal self governments	 Official letters Submission of relevant project documentation Meetings 	Preparation period	• To obtain necessary permits from various competent authorities, including construction permit	

 Table 3 - Disclosure of the ESIA package for public review / 1

Feasibility Study and ESIA for Elbasan (AL) - Bitola (MK) 400 kV Transmission Line

Upcoming Engagement Activities				
Stakeholder	How	When	Why	
Affected settlements / property owners	 Community and individual meetings with property owners Public announcements in daily newspapers Notice boards in affected communities 	Prior to construc- tion	Land and property acquisition process	
• All stakeholders	Public announcements in daily newspapers	Commencement of construction	Commencement of construction activities	
 Developer (MEPSO) Relevant governmental institutions / agencies Local self governments 	Official lettersMeetings	Throughout con- struction period	Monitoring construction progress / perfor- mance	
 Developer (MEPSO) Affected settlements / property owners 	 Group meetings in MEPSO premises or other appropriate locations Grievance mechanism 	Throughout con- struction period	 Consideration of construction activities Consideration of concerns raised by affected stakeholders 	
 Developer (MEPSO) Internal stakeholders and contractors 	Official lettersMeetings	Throughout con- struction period	Progress of construction activities	
 Developer (MEPSO) Relevant governmental institutions / agencies Local self governments Affected settlements 	Official lettersMeetings	Prior to operation- al period	Commissioning of the OHL operations	
Developer (MEPSO)Affected settlements	Official lettersMeetingsGrievance mechanism	Throughout opera- tional period	 Any outstanding issue related to the OHL operation Any grievance received 	

 Table 4 - Disclosure of the ESIA package for public review / 2

8 Grievance Mechanism

MEPSO shall implement a Grievance Mechanism to ensure that it is responsive to any concerns and/or complaints from external stakeholders. Grievance process outline and Grievance Form are given in Appendix 3. The following indicative timeframe will be used:

- Written acknowledgement of receipt of the grievance: within 5 days of receiving the grievance
- Proposed resolution: within 30 days of receiving the grievance.

The planned grievance form is presented in Appendix 3. Such a form in Macedonian will be posted on the MEPSO's website (www.mepso.gov.mk) together with the description of the grievance response mechanism and provided to the relevant authorities in the municipalities.

Grievances may be made anonymously, although of course the party filing the grievance cannot be responded to directly in that case.

A workers' grievance mechanism will be established for the employees of construction companies as a part of general system or separately. Contractors of construction works will be informed by the Developer about the necessity of implementating a grievance mechanism for their employees in line with EBRD requirements.

9 Developer's Contact Information and Responsible Person

Developer: Macedonian Transmission System Operator (MEPSO)

- Postal address: Orce Nikolov str b.b., 1000 Skopje
- Phone: + 389 (0)2 3 149 005 and + 389 (0)2 3149 040
- Fax: + 389 (0)2 3 111 160
- E-mail: info@mepso.com.mk

Responsible person for overseeing adequate implementation of this SEP is:

- To be identified by MEPSO in due course
 - Postal address: E-mail:

Phone:

Mobile:

Appendix 1 – Project Map

• Appendix 1 – Map of the project area including proposed 400 kV OHL Corridor (under separate cover)

Stakeholders / Settlements Settlement			Communication method
	Novaci	-	
	- Novaci	1,054	
	- Dobromiri	285	
	Mogila		
	- Mogila	472	
	Bitola		
	- Trn	30	
	- Krklino	205	
	- Kukurecani	1,121	
	- Bratin Dol	154	
	- Rotino	106	
	- Capari	422	
	- Kazani	65	
	- Gjavato	111	
Residents of villages /	Resen		
communities where the	- Sopotsko	184	public consultation
project activities will	- Kriveni	25	/ meeting(s)
take place	- Leva Reka	54	/ meeting(s)
unio praco	Ohrid		
	- Svinista	63	
	- Rasino	8	
	- Vapila	97	
	- Livoista	150	
	Debrca		
	- Volino	362	
	Struga		
	- Moroista	224	
	- Vranista	1,174	
	- Dolna Belica	693	
	- Zagracani	753	
	- Radolista	1,961	
	- Frangovo	1,154	
	 Mali Vlaj 	61	

Appendix 2 - Stakeholder Register and Communication Methods

Table 5 - Stakeholder identification – settlements along the proposed OHL *) Source: Census of Population, Households and Dwellings in Macedonia, 2002

Stakeholder	Communication Method	
Employees of the Developer (MEPSO)	In accordance with the rules and procedures of in- ternal communication of the Developer	
Construction companies	In accordance with the rules given in agreement between the Developer and the construction com- panies	
Contractors & transporters	In accordance with the rules given in agreement between the Developer and the transport companies	

 Table 6 - Stakeholder identification – participate in implementation of the Project

Infrastructure Projects Facility - Technical Assistance Window (IPF TA) Feasibility Study and ESIA for Elbasan (AL) - Bitola (MK) 400 kV Transmission Line

Stakeholder		Communication Method	
	Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning Blvd. Goce Delcev bb (MRTV, 10-11-12 sprat) 1000 Skopje, Macedonia Tel: (02) 3251-400; Faks: (02) 3220-165; email: infoeko@moepp.gov.mk	 Official letters / correspondence Submission of documentation 	On-going-process, in accordance to admin- istrative procedures
	Ministry of Economy Jurij Gagarin 15 1000 Skopje, Macedonia Tel: 3093-408 Fax: 3084-472 www.economy.gov.mk	 Official letters / correspondence Submission of documentation 	On-going-process, in accordance to admin- istrative procedures
es	Ministry of Finance Dame Gruev 15 1000 Skopje, Macedonia tel: (02) 3117-288 fax: (02) 3106-779 finance@finance.gov.mk	 Official letters / correspondence Submission of documentation 	On-going-process, in accordance to admin- istrative procedures
Ministries	Ministry of Transport and Communications Crvena skopska opstina 4 1000 Skopje, Macedonia tel: (02) 3145-497 fax: (02) 3126-228 e-mail: contact@mtc.gov.mk	 Official letters / correspondence Submission of documentation 	On-going-process, in accordance to admin- istrative procedures
	Ministry of Culture Gjuro Gjakovik 61 1000 Skopje, Macedonia Tel: (02) 3240-600 Fax: (02) 3240-561 info@kultura.gov.mk www.kultura.gov.mk	 Official letters / correspondence Submission of documentation 	On-going-process, in accordance to admin- istrative procedures
	Ministry of Agriculture, For- estry and Water Economy Jurij Gagarin 15 1000 Skopje, Macedonia Tel: (02) 3134 477 fax: (02) 3230 429 info@mzsv.gov.mk www.mzsv.gov.mk	 Official letters / correspondence Submission of documentation 	On-going-process, in accordance to admin- istrative procedures

Table 7 - Stakeholder identification – key influence and decision makers / 1

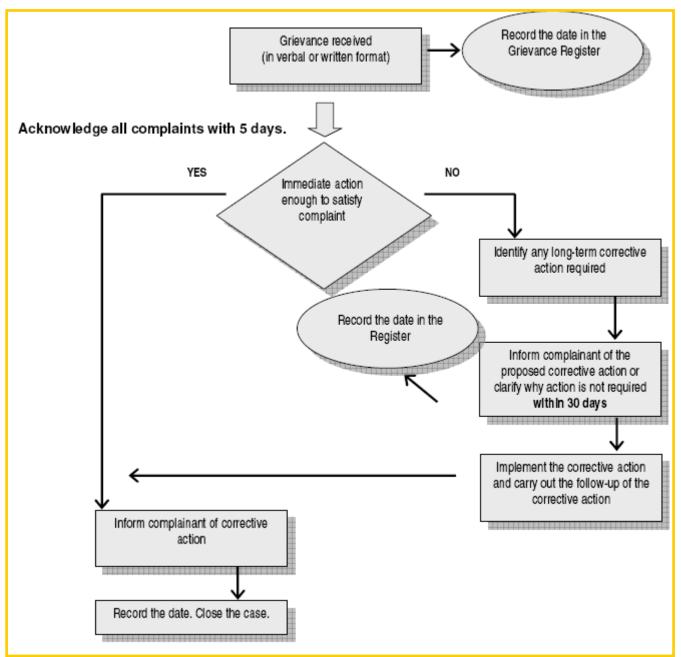
	Stakeholder	Communication Method		
Administration of municipalities	Novaci Municipality Address: 7211 Novaci Phone: + 389 47 203 060 Fax: +389 47 203 060 Web: www.opstinanovaci.gov.mk e-mail: novacio@mt.net.mk Mogila Municipality Address: 7216 Mogila Phone : + 389 47 296 466 Fax: +389 47 296 360 Web: www.mogila.gov.mk e-mail: mogilaop@t-home Bitola Municipality Address: Bul.Prvi Maj 61, 7000 Bitola Phone: + 389 47 234 234, Fax: + 389 47 238 723 Web: www.bitola.gov.mk e-mail: bitola@t-home.mk Resen Municipality Address: Plostad Marsal Tito 20, 7310 Resen Phone: + 389 47 454 450 Fax: + 389 47 452 200 Web: www.resen.gov.mk e-mail: resen@resen.gov.mk e-mail: resen@resen.gov.mk Ohrid Municipality Address: Dimitar Vlahov 57, 6000 Ohrid Phone:+389 46 262 545 Web: www.ohrid.gov.mk e-mail:protokol@ohrid.gov.mk e-mail:protokol@ohrid.gov.mk e-mail:protokol@ohrid.gov.mk e-mail:protokol@ohrid.gov.mk e-mail:protokol@ohrid.gov.mk e-mail:belcista Phone: + 389 46 286 855 Fax: + 389 46 286 855 Fax: + 389 46 781 223, 782 015 Fax: +389 46 781 434 Web: www.struga.gov.mk e-mail: info@struga.gov.mk	 Consultative meet- ings Correspondence relating to the pro- ject Exchange of in- formation Submission of documentation 	On-going- process, in accordance to administrative procedures	

Table 8 - Stakeholder identification – key influence and decision makers / 2

	Stakeholder	Communication Method		
	Macedonian Directorate for En- vironment Protection Blvd. Goce Delcev bb (MRTV, 10-11-12 sprat) 1000 Skopje, Macedonia Tel: (02) 3251-400; Faks: (02) 3220-165; email: infoeko@moepp.gov.mk	 Official letters / correspondence Submission of documentation 	On-going- process, in accordance to administrative procedures	
3odies -	Regulatory Agency for Energy Dimitar Cupovski bb, 1000 Skopje, Macedonia Tel: (02) 3233-580 Fax: (02) 3233-586 erc@erc.org.mk www.erc.org.mk	 Official letters / correspondence Submission of documentation 	On-going- process, in accordance to administrative procedures	
National Agencies / Bodies	Agency for Energy Orce Nikolov 68 1000 Skopje, Macedonia Tel: (02) 3230-300 Fax: (02) 3230-300 ea@ea.gov.mk www.ea.gov.mk	 Official letters / correspondence Submission of documentation 	On-going- process, in accordance to administrative procedures	
	Cultural Heritage Protection Of- fice Gjuro Gjakovik 61 1000 Skopje, Macedonia Tel: (02) 3289-703 Fax: (02) 3289-777 contact@uzkn.gov.mk www.uzkn.gov.mk	 Official letters / correspondence Submission of documentation 	On-going- process, in accordance to administrative procedures	
	Spatial Planning Agency Macedonia Square 1000 Skopje, Macedonia Tel / fax: (02) 3227-244 agencija@app.gov.mk www.app.gov.mk	 Official letters / correspondence Submission of documentation 	On-going- process, in accordance to administrative procedures	
UNESCO (and UNESCO relevant bodies)	UNESCO Headquarters (1) 7, place de Fontenoy 75352 Paris 07 SP France (2) 1, rue Miollis 75732 Paris Cedex 15 France General Phone: + 33 1 45 68 10 00	 Official letters / correspondence Reports as per UNESCO re- quirements Submission of documentation 	In accordance to UNESCO	
MK UNESCO Authority	National Commission for UNESCO of Macedonia Ministry of Culture Gjuro Gjakovik 61 1000 Skopje, Macedonia Tel: (02) 3240-600 Fax: (02) 3240-561 in- fo@kultura.gov.mk www.kultura.gov.mk	 Official letters / correspondence Submission of documentation 	Meeting(s)	

Table 9 - Stakeholder identification – key influence and decision makers / 3

Table 10 - Stakeholder identification – Non-governmental organizations The NGOs listed in the table were identified and contacted/consulted during the ESIA. Other NGO may be identified in further stages of project implementation.



Appendix 3 – Grievance Mechanism

Figure 2 - Flowchart for processing of grievances

Infrastructure Projects Facility - Technical Assistance Window (IPF TA) Feasibility Study and ESIA for Elbasan (AL) - Bitola (MK) 400 kV Transmission Line

		Public Grievance Form			
Company Reference No:					
Full Name					
Contact Information		By Post: Please provide mailing address:			
Please mark how you wish to be contacted (mail, telephone, e-					
mail).		By Telephone:			
		By E-mail			
Preferred Language for communication		Macednian English			
Description of Incident or G	rieva	nce: What happened? Where did it happen? Who did it happen to? What is the result of the problem?			
Date of Incident/Grievance					
		 One time incident/grievance (date) Happened more than once (how many times?) On-going (currently experiencing problem) 			
What would you like to see I	hann				
What would you like to see happen to resolve the problem?					
Signature:		Note: Your grievance may be made anonymously.			
Date:		In such case you cannot be responded to directly.			
Please return this form to: To be identified by MEPSO in Postal address: E-mail: Phone: Mobile:	n du	e course			



Appendix 4 – An Overview of the Stakeholder Engagement so far

Meeting/Consultation	Stakeholders present	No. of people consulted	Key Issues dis- cussed	Method		
Consultations with relevant institutions						
(1) Name: Ministry of Environment and Physical PlanningPlace: SkopjeDate: 25.09.2012Time: 10.00-11.00h	* IPF Team * MEPSO * Ministry's representatives	(3)	 OHL corridor Key environment issues ESIA scope UNESCO related aspects ESIA procedure 	Official meeting		
Consultations with affected m	unicipalities					
(1) Name: Novaci Municipality Place: Novaci Date: 03.09.2012 Time: 14.00h-15.00h	* IPF Team * MEPSO * Municipality's representatives	(8)		Official meeting		
(2) Name: Mogila MunicipalityPlace: MogilaDate: 04.09.2012Time: 11.00h-12.00h		(3)		Official meeting		
(3) Name: Bitola Municipality Place: Bitola ate: 03.09.2012 Time: 11.00h-13.30h		(5)	 OHL corridor Key environment issues ESIA scope Spatial and urban 	Official meeting		
(4) Name: Resen MunicipalityPlace: ResenDate: 05.09.2012Time: 11.00h-13.00h		(2)	 planning / doc- uments vis a vis proposed OHL corridor Construction 	Official meeting		
(5) Name: Ohrid MunicipalityPlace: OhridDate: 10.09.2012Time: 12.00h-13.30h		(2)	 transport through residential areas Agriculture activ- ities vis a vis op- erational OHL 	Official meeting		
(6) Name: Debrca MunicipalityPlace: DebrcaDate: 07.09.2012Time: 11.00h-13.00h		(3)		Official meeting		
(7) Name: Struga MunicipalityPlace: StrugaDate: 06.09.2012Time: 10.00h-12.00h		(3)		Official meeting		
Consultations with settlements close to the OHL						
(1) Name: Dobromiri (Novaci)Place: DobromiriDate: 03.09.2012	* IPF Team * MEPSO *Local residents	(5)	 OHL corridor Proposals for routing details / 	Interview		

T: 17.001 10.001		changes	
Time: 17.00h-18.00h		 Key environment 	
(2) Name: Mogila (Mogila)		and social issues	
Place: Mogila	(5)	Mitigation	Interview
Date: 03.09.2012		Compensation	
Time: 12.00h-13.00h		Construction	
(3) Name: Trn, Bratin Dol, Capari,		transport through agricultural and	
Kazani, Rotino, Gjavato (Bitola)		residential areas	
Place: Bitola	(10)	Agriculture /	Interview
Date: 04.09.2012		irigition activities	
Time: 17.30h-19.00h		vis a vis opera-	
(4) Name: Leva Reka (Resen)		tional OHL (Pel-	
Place: Leva Reka	(3)	agonija nad Stru-	Interview
Date: 05.09.2012		ga Field)Electricity supply	
Time: 13.00h-14.30h		 Further consulta- 	
(5) Name: Kriveni (Resen)		tions	
Place: Kriveni	(7)		Interview
Date: 05.09.2012			Interview
Time: 14.30h-16.00h			
(6) Name: Sopotsko (Resen)			
Place: Sopotsko			Interview
Date: 05.09.2012	(2)		Interview
Time: 16.00h-17.30h			
(7) Name: Mislesevo, Moroista,			
Radolista (Struga)			
Place: Struga	(4)		Interview
Date: 06.09.2012			
Time: 13.00h-14.00h			
(8) Name: Volino (Debrca)			
Place: Volino			Intomic
Date: 07.09.2012	(3)		Interview
Time: 14.30h-16.00h			
(9) Name: Svinista, Rasino,			
Vapila, Livoista (Ohrid)			
Place: Ohrid	(8)		Interview
Date: 10.09.2012			
Time: 14.00h-16.00h			

Consultations with NGO				
(1) Name: Macedonian Ecological				
Society (MES)	* IPF Team			
Place: Skopje	* NGO repre-	(3)		Meeting
Date: 17.05.2012	sentatives			
Time: 10.00h-11.00h			-	
(2) Name: Bioeco	* IPF Team			
Place: Skopje	* NGO repre-	(2)		Meeting
Date: 06.07.2012	sentatives	(2)		wieeting
Time: 10.00h-11.30h	sentatives		OHL corridor alternatives	
(3) Birdprotection	* IPF Team		 Key environment 	
Place: Skopje	* NGO repre-	(2)	and social issues	Meeting
Date: 27.09.2012	sentatives	(2)	ESIA scope	Wieeting
Time: 14.00h-15.00h	sentatives		Visual effects	
(4) Name: NGO Pelagonija			Impacts on for-	
Place: Novaci		(1)	estsBird protection	Meeting
Date: 03.09.2012		(1)	Mitigation	Meeting
Time: 15.00h-15.30h			Further consulta-	
(5) Name: NGO Mogilka			tions	
Place: Mogila		(2)		Meeting
Date: 04.09.2012		(2)		Meeting
Time: 13.00h-13.30h			-	
(6) Name: NGOs: Molika, Bi-	* IPF Team			
osfera and Eko-zena	* MEPSO			
Place: Bitola	* NGO repre-	(4)		Meeting
Date: 04.09.2012	sentatives			
Time: 16.00h-17.30h				
(7) NGO meeting, Skopje				
NGOs: Ecosvest; Birdprotection;			• OHL corridor	
Macedonian Enthomological Soci-			Key environment and social issues	
ety.		(3)	 ESIA scope 	Meeting
Place: Skopje			Further consulta-	
Date: 27.09.2012			tions	
Time: 12.00h-14.00h				

Infrastructure Projects Facility - Technical Assistance Window (IPF TA) Feasibility Study and ESIA for Elbasan (AL) - Bitola (MK) 400 kV Transmission Line

Consultations with scientific institutions and individuals (bioidiversity)					
 (1) Name: Prof. Ljupco Melovski Faculty on Natural Sciences, Biology Institute and President of MES Place: Skopje Date: 16.05.2012 Time: 12.00h 	* IPF Team	(1)	 OHL corridor Key biodiversity and landscape is- sues Protected Areas ESIA scope Mitigation 	Meeting	
 (2) Name: Prof. Vlado Matevski Faculty on Natural Sciences, Biology Institute and member of Macedonian Academy on Sciences and Arts Place: Skopje Date: 16.05.2012 Time: 14.30h 	* IPF Team	(1)	 OHL corridor Key flora nad vegetation issues ESIA scope Mitigation 	Meeting	
 (3) Name: D-r Svetozar Petkovski Museum of Natural History Place: Skopje Date: 06.07.2012 Time: 13.00h 	* IPF Team	(1)	 OHL corridor Key biodiversity issues ESIA scope Mitigation 	Meeting	
 (4) Name: Prof Branko Micevski, Orithologist Faculty on Natural Sciences, Place: Skopje Date: 27.09.2012 Time: 15.30h 	* IPF Team	(1)	 OHL corridor Key biodiversity issues Impacts on avian fauna ESIA scope Mitigation 		