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Quick Facts

Countries	Tunisia
Specific Location	North of Tunisia
Financial Institutions	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2026-07-22
Borrower	Government of Tunisia - Ministry of Agriculture, Hydraulics Resources, and Fisheries
Sectors	Infrastructure, Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 81.36 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 182.01 million

Project Description

According to bank provided information, the investment involves the provision of a senior loan of up to EUR 70 million in favour of the Republic of Tunisia to finance the development of a water transmission pipeline from the Dam of Sejnene (part of the Governorate of Bizerte) to the city of Bejaoua (part of the Governorate of Tunis).

The Project is part of the Large Water Transfer Programme, developed as part of the "Eau 2050" strategy. The key objective of the Project is to improve the efficiency of water resources in Tunisia by transferring any surplus water captured in the dams of the rainy regions of the North of Tunisia to the drought-prone ones in the centre of the country.

The Borrower is the Republic of Tunisia represented by the Ministry of Economy and Planning. The Project will be implemented by the Directorate of Large Hydraulics Works and Dams (Direction Generale des Barrages et des Grands Travaux Hydrauliques) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Hydraulics Resources, and Fisheries (Ministere de l'Agriculture, des Ressources Hydrauliques et de la Peche Maritime), acting as the Project Implementation Unit.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

Category B (2024 ESP). The construction of an 80 km additional pipe alongside an existing water transfer scheme dedicated to drinking water and irrigation is associated with impacts that can be readily identified and managed through appropriate environmental and social management plans.

Private land and residential areas will be avoided to the extent possible but cannot be excluded. Building on the existing LALRF, a Land Acquisition and Livelihood Restoration Plan (LALRP) will be prepared in line with EBRD ESR 5/WB EES 5 standards and implemented before land-related impacts occur.

The Project is not located within a protected area or a Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs), however about 2km of the alignment is located within 50-200m of Ichkeul Lake, which is a National Park, World Heritage Site and considered Critical Habitat for several bird species.

The ESIA and ESDD did not identify any cultural heritage site or artefact on the Project's route, and a chance find procedure will be developed as part of the ESMP to manage incidental discoveries.

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Contact Information

Contact information not provided at the time of disclosure

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Bank Documents

- PSD Translation (Arabic)
- PSD translation (French)