

 Early Warning System

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MAURITANIA REGIONAL TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR



Quick Facts

Countries	Mauritania
Specific Location	Nouakchott, Kiffa
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2025-08-27
Borrower	SOMELEC SOCIETE MERE
Sectors	Energy, Infrastructure
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 144.43 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 144.43 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 386.70 million



Project Description

According to the EIB, the project concerns the construction of a 225kV, 600km-long overhead transmission line between Nouakchott and Kiffa. It also includes the construction and extension of several substations along the transmission line to ensure efficient power distribution, a rural electrification (distribution) component targeting the communities living along the line route and a technical assistance for project management, capacity building and studies.

The operation represents the first phase of a wider project known as PIEMM (the 225 kV Mauritania-Mali Power Interconnection and Related Solar Power Plants Development Project) aimed primarily at interconnecting Mauritania and Mali as well as the construction of a solar power plant in Mauritania and enabling further connections of PV plants.

The aim is to contribute to making the energy system more efficient and resilient, while also increasing the integration of renewable electricity generation capacity. This programme also aims to provide universal access to electricity in the project service areas and to further enable the integration of the national and regional electricity network.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

As stated by the EIB, in accordance with the national related regulations in Mauritania as well as with the Environmental and Social Standards (ESS) of the African Development Bank (Integrated Safeguards System (ISS) developed in 2013), Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (ESIAs) and Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) for the components of the project have been updated and carried out in 2023 for the 225 kV transmission component, as well as the associated Resettlement Policy Frameworks (RPF), Resettlement Action Plans (RAP), Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) and Stakeholders Engagement Plans (SEP). The reports of ESIA and ESMF studies, including associated RAPs and RPF, include public consultation. The comprehensiveness of the ESIA processes, studies and management plans undertaken for the project and the associated infrastructure will be assessed in detail during appraisal against EIB ESS.



Investment Description

- European Investment Bank (EIB)



Private Actors Description

According to the company's website (translated with DeepL.com), SOMELEC (Société Mauritanienne d'Électricité) was created in 2001 following the split of SONELEC (Société Nationale d'Eau et d'Électricité), which was established in 1975 and was responsible for activities related to the production and distribution of drinking water and electricity.

On January 16, 2024, SOMELEC was restructured into the SOMELEC Group, consisting of a parent company and three subsidiaries. The SOMELEC Group is responsible for the production, purchase, transport, distribution, and marketing of electricity in urban and suburban areas throughout the country.

Its ultimate goal is to provide universal access to electricity for all inhabitants under the best possible conditions. Its share capital, wholly owned by the Mauritanian state, amounts to MRU 14,736,416,000, or approximately €360 million.

SOMELEC operates in 58 cities and hundreds of towns across the country. It manages approximately 407,368 subscribers through 87 commercial centers. It has a total workforce of 2,284 employees. Net thermal production reached 956,940 MWh in 2023.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Société Mauritanienne d'Electricité (SOMELEC)	Client	Energy



Contact Information

No project contact information provided at the time of disclosure.

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Bank Documents

- 09/09/2025 ESDS-MAURITANIA REGIONAL TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR
- 09/09/2025 ESIA-MAURITANIA REGIONAL TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR - Cadre de Gestion Environnementale et Soc
- 09/09/2025 ESIA-MAURITANIA REGIONAL TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR - Cadre de Politique de Reinstallation du
- 09/09/2025 ESIA-MAURITANIA REGIONAL TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR - Etude d'Impact Environnemental et Social
- 09/09/2025 ESIA-MAURITANIA REGIONAL TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR - Plan d'Actions pour l'Attenuation des Im
- 09/09/2025 FRAP-MAURITANIA REGIONAL TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR - Plan d'Action de Reinstallation - Mauri
- 09/09/2025 FRAP-MAURITANIA REGIONAL TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR - Plan d'Engagement des Parties Prenantes