### Early Warning System

# EIB-20230659 DELGAZ ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION



#### **Quick Facts**

Countries	Romania
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2024-11-20
Borrower	DELGAZ GRID SA
Sectors	Energy
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 210.92 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 663.33 million

#### **Project Description**

According to the Bank's website, the project consists in an investment programme in electricity distribution in Romania, covering the period 2024-2027.

The programme includes investments in high, medium and low voltage networks, metering, as well as network automation. It includes elements of the CARMEN (Carpathian Modernisation of Energy Network) Project of Common Interest.

The project is expected to modernise and expand the promoter's distribution network, by supporting its efficient operation, contributing to the integration of Renewable Energy Sources (RES), and catering for the connection of new customers.

#### **Early Warning System Project Analysis**

The investment programme comprises several electricity distribution schemes with voltages ranging from 0.4 kV up to 110 kV. Some of these schemes may fall under Annex II of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive 2011/92/EU (as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU), which requires the competent national authority to determine the need for an EIA. Where, and if applicable, the requirements of Birds Directive 2009/147/EC and Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC will be verified during appraisal. The programme schemes related to automation and metering are expected to have limited environmental impact.

The environmental and social due diligence will follow the programme lending approach according to the EIB's procedures and standards. It will focus on the Promoter's capacity to implement the programme in line with the EIB environmental and social standards and requirements.



#### **Investment Description**

• European Investment Bank (EIB)

The European Investment Bank (EIB) is lending Romanian energy distributor Delgaz Grid €200 million to upgrade the electricity network in the country's northeastern region of Moldova; the loan amount can be disbursed both in EUR and RON. The EIB credit is part of a €630 investment programme by Delgaz Grid to improve a power system that serves more than 1.5 million households and businesses.

#### **Private Actors Description**

Delgaz operates electricity and natural gas distribution networks in Romania, in the Northern half of the country. Delgaz's electricity network has a length over 81,000 km, and it is present in 6 counties in the Northeast of Romania (Iaii, Botoiani, Vaslui, Suceava, Neami, and Baciu), while its natural gas network covers over 25,000 km, and it is present in all 20 counties located across the Northern half of the country. The Borrower served ~3.5 million domestic and business customers in Romania in 2022, during which period, it distributed 5 TWh of electricity.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Delgaz Grid SA	Client	-

#### **Contact Information**

No contacts available at the time of disclosure.

#### ACCESS TO INFORMATION

You can submit an information request for project information at: https://www.eib.org/en/infocentre/registers/request-form/request-form-default.htm

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#### **Bank Documents**

• Environmental and Social Data Sheet (ESDS) - DELGAZ ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION

#### Media

• Romania: Residents in northeast to get energy-network upgrade with €200 million EIB loan to Delgaz G