

 Early Warning System

WB-P180153

Moldova Rural Connectivity Project



Quick Facts

Countries	Moldova
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2024-04-29
Borrower	Government of Moldova - Ministry of Finance; State Road Administration; Customs Service of Moldova
Sectors	Transport
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 105.98 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 120.60 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the Project Development Objective is to facilitate road transit through selected border crossings with the EU and to improve the quality of road connectivity that selected local communities have to international corridors.

Component A: Facilitating trade and expanding Solidarity Lanes (US\$ 18.0 million)

Component B: Linking local communities with economic opportunities (US\$ 77.8 million)

Component C: Building delivery capacity and project management support (US\$ 4.2 million)

Component D: Contingent emergency response (US\$ 0 million)



Early Warning System Project Analysis

The environmental risks associated with the proposed project are assessed as Substantial. The project will provide a combination of investments in connectivity and rural roads rehabilitation on at least three main corridors (Component B), road safety, upgrade border crossing physical capacity and improve key roads level crossings by construction of short section of new access road, upgrading of an exiting road and expansion the capacity of existing parking (Component A), technical assistance and support for specific regulatory and institutional reforms. Although the long-term impacts of the project are likely to be positive, all anticipated civil works activities could, cumulatively, result in potential significantly environmental risks and adverse impacts that are mainly generated by the activities under Components A and B. Except the construction of a short (1 km) new access road to Ungheni bridge and a short (0.5 km) road widening in Leuseni, the proposed activities are essentially road rehabilitation and maintenance within the "Right of Way" (ROW) areas. Thus, the substantial environmental risk rating is justified mainly because the cumulative impacts related to air and water pollution, solid and hazardous wastes, labor security etc., may be significant, but site specific, mostly temporarily, predictable, and/or reversible and the magnitude and spatial extent are likely to be limited in geographic scope and within the technical footprint of the project. The impact on natural vegetation associated with operating the quarry and borrow areas and constructing detour and access roads to the borrow material pits and quarry sites, will not be applicable as there will be used the existing borrow/quarry sites which operate based on legal licenses and permits.



Investment Description

- World Bank (WB)

IBRD Commitment: 100.00

IDA Commitment: 5.98



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Bank Documents

- [Appraisal Environmental and Social Review Summary \(ESRS\) - Moldova Rural Connectivity Project - P180](#) [Original Source]
- [Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary \(ESRS\) - Moldova Solidarity and Regional Connectivity](#) [Original Source]
- [Concept Project Information Document \(PID\) - Moldova Solidarity and Regional Connectivity Project -](#) [Original Source]
- [Environmental and Social Commitment Plan \(ESCP\) - Moldova Rural Connectivity Project - P180153](#) [Original Source]
- [Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Moldova Rural Connectivity Project \(P180153\)](#) [Original Source]
- [Environmental and Social Management Plan \(ESMP\) Moldova Rural Connectivity Project \(P180153\)](#) [Original Source]
- [Labor Management Procedures Moldova Rural Connectivity Project \(P180153\)](#) [Original Source]
- [Moldova - Rural Connectivity Project](#) [Original Source]
- [Resettlement Process Framework Moldova Rural Connectivity Project \(P180153\)](#) [Original Source]
- [Revised Environmental and Social Commitment Plan \(ESCP\) Moldova Rural Connectivity Project \(P180153\)](#) [Original Source]
- [Stakeholder Engagement Plan \(SEP\) - Moldova Rural Connectivity Project - P180153](#) [Original Source]