

**INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET
CONCEPT STAGE**

Report No.: AC1676

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country: Romania	Project ID: P093775
Project Name: Romania Environmental Management Project	
Task Team Leader: Karin Shepardson	
Estimated Appraisal Date:	Estimated Board Date: October 10, 2006
Managing Unit: ECSSD	Lending Instrument: Specific Investment Loan
Sector: Sub-national government administration (50%);Solid waste management (20%);Other industry (20%);Vocational training (10%)	
Theme: Environmental policies and institutions (P);Pollution management and environmental health (P);Infrastructure services for private sector development (S);Other public sector governance (S);Municipal governance and institution building (S)	
IBRD Amount (US\$m.):	150.00
IDA Amount (US\$m.):	0.00
GEF Amount (US\$m.):	0.00
PCF Amount (US\$m.):	0.00
Other financing amounts by source:	
<u>BORROWER</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	0.00

B. Project Objectives [from section 2 of PCN]

To build institutional capacity to implement the EU environment acquis by supporting improved cost-effectiveness of investments and building project development capacity for absorbing EU funds.

C. Project Description [from section 3 of PCN]

The project will support environmental investments particularly in areas where the gap between costs and needs are highest; deadlines for compliance are short and can result in loss of economic activity; areas where public health risks are high; and areas of global importance where international grant funds can help leverage other investment resources and partners. It would also focus on areas where good demonstration impacts can be made in terms of lowering costs, involvement of private sector, and innovative application of economic instruments. Preliminary priority investments have been identified in discussion with the Ministry of Environment that span the area of waste management, water, nature protection, and capacity building

D. Project location (if known)

National in focus

E. Borrower's Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies [from PCN]

The Borrower has overall good capacity for implementing Bank safeguard policies- however a detailed assessment of these capacities is under preparation for several loans seeking to rely on the national systems. This project can help to support any critical gaps in capacity.

F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists

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II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

Safeguard Policies Triggered	Yes	No	TBD
Environmental Assessment (OP/BP 4.01)	X		
Project is assumed to be category A at this point, however will be re-assessed further as components are developed.			
Natural Habitats (OP/BP 4.04)	X		
There is potential that civil works within Nature Parks could trigger this safeguard policy. The loan plans to support capacity building for environment officials to introduce environment permits for work in Natura 2000 sites (EU system of key natural habitats) as part of environment acquis implementation.			
Forests (OP/BP 4.36)		X	
Pest Management (OP 4.09)		X	
Cultural Property (OPN 11.03)			X
Not likely to be triggered and any screening of investments will avoid these sites, however the rating will be assessed again once more specific investments are identified.			
Indigenous Peoples (OD 4.20)		X	
Involuntary Resettlement (OP/BP 4.12)	X		
A process framework would be developed and followed to address any restricted access issues related to protected areas.			
Safety of Dams (OP/BP 4.37)		X	
Projects on International Waterways (OP/BP 7.50)	X		
All the territory of Romania is located within the Black Sea/Danube Basin - however a waiver of the IW policy is likely to be granted as investment activities do not envision any new extraction or discharge to water resources. This will be further assessed as specific investments are more clearly defined.			
Projects in Disputed Areas (OP/BP 7.60)		X	

Environmental Category: A - Full Assessment**III. SAFEGUARD PREPARATION PLAN**

A. Target date for the Quality Enhancement Review (QER), at which time the PAD-stage ISDS would be prepared: 01/30/2006

B. For simple projects that will not require a QER, the target date for preparing the PAD-stage ISDS: N/A

C. Time frame for launching and completing the safeguard-related studies that may be needed. The specific studies and their timing¹ should be specified in the PAD-stage ISDS.

Project rating and required studies will be re-assessed with safeguard team by end November 2005 based on further loan preparation details.

Launch of studies is proposed for December 2005.. As currently envisioned, a framework EA/EMP and sub-project specific EA/EMPs is assumed to be required.

IV. APPROVALS

<i>Signed and submitted by:</i>		
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<i>Approved by:</i>		
Regional Safeguards Coordinator:	Mr Ronald N. Hoffer	07/26/2005
Comments: This PCN-stage ISDS is cleared for safeguards.		
Sector Manager:	Ms Laura Tuck	07/26/2005
Comments: This ISDS is cleared.		

¹ Reminder: The Bank's Disclosure Policy requires that safeguard-related documents be disclosed before appraisal (i) at the InfoShop and (ii) in-country, at publicly accessible locations and in a form and language that are accessible to potentially affected persons.

