

Elbasan (AL) – Bitola (MK) 400kV Transmission Line

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*Macedonian Stakeholder Engagement Plan*  
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## 1. Introduction

This Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) refers to the project for construction of a 400 kV Overhead Line (OHL) in Macedonia from Bitola to MK/AL border (and further on to Elbasan, Albania), referred to as “the Project”.

The project developer is the Macedonian Transmission System Operator - MEPSO (further referred to as “the Developer”).

The project intention is to construct and operate a 400 kV overhead transmission line from Bitola to Macedonian / Albanian border (and further on to Elbasan, Albania) and to construct and operate a new 400/110 kV substation in Ohrid area. It also includes activities to upgrade existing substation Bitola 2 to accommodate the proposed 400 kV transmission line.

The proposed OHL will contribute to significant improvement and higher transmission network in south-west Macedonia, as well as safer providing of the electrical power and lowering of the limitations in the supply with electrical power, which will enable further economic development in the larger project region..

In regional context, the project will improve the reliability of the regional network, the overall security of supply, and should improve operational issues such as system stability. It will also improve the network capacity to facilitate anticipated load and transit growth as well as new generation connections in the Balkans Region. In addition, the proposed OHL development will allow mutual support between Macedonia and Albania to complement power generation types (Albania - hydro, Macedonia - thermal).

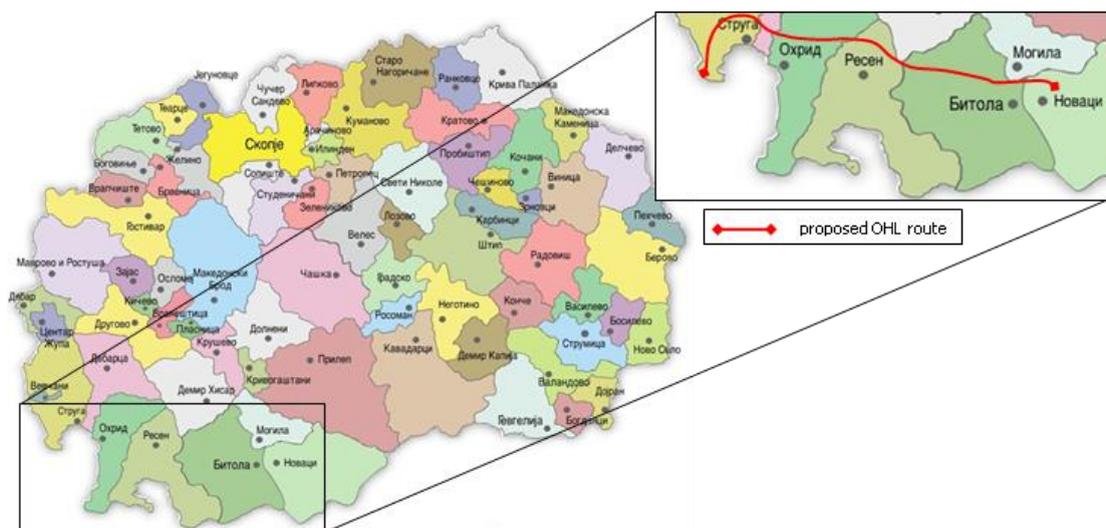
This Stakeholder Engagement Plan has been developed in compliance with EBRD’s Performance Requirements, EBRD’s Public Information Policy and best international practice in order to enhance public information and stakeholder<sup>1</sup> engagement procedures. It will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis throughout the entire project.

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<sup>1</sup> “Stakeholder” is a person, group or organization that is affected or can be affected by the environmental and/or social consequences of a proposed project/activity; this includes individuals/groups/organizations that express interest in the project/activity and in the participation to round tables and discussion meetings, and/or are able to influence the project’s implementation and/or operations.

## 2. Project Location

The proposed OHL corridor passes through the territory of seven Macedonian municipalities: Novaci, Mogila, Bitola, Resen, Ohrid, Debrca and Struga. At this stage, the actual location of towers and the substation are unknown, however, MEPSO have proposed a 500m corridor starting from Bitola, through the south-western municipalities shown below to the Albanian border. This corridor passes through several forested areas and agricultural fields, and carefully avoids any settlements and villages along the way. MEPSO is currently in the process of procuring contractors to undertake the detailed design and construction of the transmission lines and 400/110 kV substation. The tower locations and the location of the substation will be confirmed at the detailed design stage.



**Figure 2.1 - OHL corridor and overview of affected municipalities**

The proposed OHL corridor is situated in the south-western region of Macedonia. It passes various geographical features. From its starting point in flat area of the Pelagonija Field via hilly and mountainous northern slopes of the Baba Mountain through the Prespa Valley to the Struga Field at the northern side of the Ohrid Lake and eastern bottom edge of the Jablanica Mountain.

In general, the proposed OHL corridor follows, as much as practicable, the corridor of the existing 110 kV OHL Bitola-Resen-Ohrid-Struga.

Its starting point is the existing MEPSO's substation Bitola 2 in the locality Tebalica in the immediate vicinity of the thermal power plant (TPP) REK Bitola.

From its starting point, the corridor continues toward north-west over the Pelagonija Field, avoiding the settlements in its surroundings (Dobromiri, Trn, and Mogila). At the locality Karamanski Pat it turns to south-west, crossing the roads Bitola-Prilep and Bitola-Kicevo to the hilly area above the village Krklino. From the locality Korija (in immediate vicinity to the road Bitola-Ohrid on its north side) the proposed corridor turns toward west up to a point in the area of the village Gjavato.

At the locality Gradiste on the southern slopes of the Bigla Mountain, the corridor turns to north-west, following the existing 110 kV OHL, avoiding the settlement Sopotsko and bypassing the town Resen in wide ring. Further on to north, it avoids villages Kriveni, Leva Reka, as well as Krusje karst area (water supply facilities for Resen). At the area of the village Svinista, the corridor turns to western direction, avoiding the villages Rasino and Livoista and enters the Struga Field by crossing the road Ohrid-Kicevo. Within the Struga Field, at the locality Veljo Pole, the OHL corridor turns to south-west and avoids the villages Volino and Moroista.

On the western edge of the Struga Field, at the locality Belicka Krasta the proposed OHL corridor turns to south toward the crossing point on the Macedonian-Albanian border (locality Kafasan) following bottom east slopes of the Jablanica Mountain. It avoids the villages Zagracani, Radolista, Frangovo and Mali Vlaj.

A map of the project area with the proposed OHL corridor is given in Appendix 1. Additional Project information can be found in the Non-Technical Summary, and the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment supplementary documentation.

The original SEP was prepared in October 2012 and it was updated in June 2015 to reflect on previous consultation activities and propose an updated engagement program for the upcoming stages of the Project. These upcoming stages include the detailed design of the transmission line and the construction of towers, the substation and associated infrastructure.

### 3. Requirements for Stakeholders Engagement

#### 3.1. *The Public Participation Provisions of Macedonian Legislation*

Public participation in spatial planning and environmental protection processes in Macedonia is regulated by:

- Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention), (Official Gazette of RM no. 40/99)

The Aarhus Convention grants the public rights regarding access to information, public participation and access to justice, in governmental decision-making processes on matters concerning the local, national and transboundary environment. It focuses on interactions between the public and public authorities. It is a way of enhancing the environmental governance network, introducing a reactive and trustworthy relationship between civil society and governments and adding the novelty of a mechanism created to empower the value of public participation in the decision making process and guarantee access to justice: a "governance-by-disclosure" that leads a shift toward an environmentally responsible society. The Aarhus Convention has been ratified by Macedonia in 1999.

- Law on Spatial and Urban Planning (Official Gazette of RM no. 51/05, 137/07, 91/09, 124/10 and 18/11)

This law regulates the system of spatial and urban development of Macedonia, including public information and participation throughout the process of development and adoption of planning documents.

- Law on the Environment (Official Gazette of RM no. 53/05, 81/05, 24/07, 159/08, 83/09, 48/10, 124/10 and 51/11) and associated secondary regulation

This law and the associated secondary legislation set out the requirements for undertaking environmental impact assessment (EIA) of potential environmental impacts of public and private projects, which are likely to have a significant impact on the environment, before development consent /construction permit is granted in the form of approval for project implementation.

The law also defines the rules and detailed procedures for including the public in the decision-making process. The practical public involvement is performed through: a) disclosing of the information to the public, b) public participation where public can actively be involved in public discussions and submitting its written opinion within the different EIA phases of the procedure and c) through the mechanism of access to justice, when public could influence the decision making with submitting appeals to the Court or Second Instance Commission of the Government.

### 3.2. EBRD Requirements

Since the EBRD may be involved in financing the project, the project must meet the best international practices and the requirements for stakeholder engagement and public consultations as specified in the EBRD Environmental and Social Policy of 2008. The principles, requirements, methodological and procedural aspects of stakeholder engagement for EBRD Category A projects are described in detail in PR10 “Information Disclosure and Stakeholder Engagement”. PR10 outlines a systematic approach to stakeholder engagement that helps clients build and maintain over time a constructive relationship with their stakeholders, in particular the locally affected communities (Table 3.1).

Performance Requirement (PR)	Description
<p><b>PR10: Information Disclosure and Stakeholder Engagement</b></p>	<p>The EBRD considers stakeholder engagement as an essential part of good business practices and corporate citizenship, and a way of improving the quality of projects. In particular, effective community engagement is central to the successful management of risks and impacts on communities affected by projects, as well as central to achieving enhanced community benefits.</p> <p><u>Stakeholder engagement</u> is an ongoing process involving (i) the client’s public disclosure of appropriate information, so as to enable meaningful consultation with stakeholders, (ii) meaningful consultation with potentially affected parties, and (iii) a procedure or policy by which people can make comments or complaints. This process should begin at the earliest stage of project design and continue throughout the life of the project.</p> <p>This PR outlines a systematic approach to stakeholder engagement that over time will help clients build and maintain a constructive relationship with their stakeholders, in particular the locally affected communities. The process of stakeholder engagement is an essential component of the appraisal, management and monitoring of environmental and social issues associated with the client’s investments.</p>

**Table 3.1 - Summary of PR10 requirements**

In summary, the following system of stakeholder engagement is applicable to this project, as proposed by MEPSO:

- **Identification of project stakeholder groups.** Identification of stakeholders, including in particular those members of the public who could be affected by the construction and operation of the substation and transmission line.
- **Stakeholder engagement process and information disclosure.** During this step, MEPSO is to ensure that identified stakeholders are appropriately engaged on environmental and social issues that could potentially affect them through a process of information disclosure and meaningful consultation.
- **Meaningful and comprehensive consultations.** The consultation process will be based on the disclosure of information relevant to the project and MEPSO's activities and operations. The consultation process will be undertaken in a manner that is inclusive and culturally appropriate for all stakeholders.
- **Grievance mechanism.** Maintaining a grievance process by which the general public and other external stakeholders can raise concerns, and which will be handled in a prompt and consistent manner.

The following sections summarize how MEPSO has developed its systems to comply and what activities are proposed to continue to comply with requirements for stakeholder engagement.

#### **4. Stakeholder Identification and Communication Methods**

There are several groups of people and social groups, interested in the Project, on different levels. These may be described as following:

- People, institutions and industries that will be directly or indirectly affected by the project: residents of villages in the project area, affected land and residential owners, affected land and forest services users, owners / operators of existing infrastructure along transport routes.
- People and institutions who participate in implementation of the project: EBRD, MEPSO, employees of MEPSO, construction contractor(s) and equipment suppliers.
- People and institutions with decision making power over certain Project elements: local self governments (LSG) administrations and inspectorates, different responsible ministries and national agencies, UNESCO<sup>2</sup> authorities, and NGOs.

The following table represents the identified stakeholders in accordance to above classification.

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<sup>2</sup> The route of the proposed transmission line passes through peripheral area of the UNESCO World Heritage Site – the Ohrid Area, and also the Transboundary UNESCO World Biosphere Network: Prespa / Ohrid Area

Stakeholders that will be directly or indirectly affected by the Project	Stakeholders who participate in implementation of the Project	Stakeholders with possibility to make decisions on implementation of Project
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Residents of municipalities, villages and communities where the transmission line and associated infrastructure will be located</li> <li>▪ Land owners and land users along the OHL corridor, affected forest areas and infrastructure sites</li> <li>▪ Informal land owners and land users of OHL corridor and infrastructure sites</li> <li>▪ Residents along transport routes</li> <li>▪ Macedonian Business</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ EBRD</li> <li>▪ Other IFIs</li> <li>▪ The Developer (MEPSO)</li> <li>▪ Employees of the Developer (internal stakeholders)</li> <li>▪ Construction companies</li> <li>▪ Employees of construction companies</li> <li>▪ Equipment suppliers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning</li> <li>▪ Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy</li> <li>▪ Ministry of Economy</li> <li>▪ Ministry of Transport and Connections</li> <li>▪ Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare</li> <li>▪ Ministry of Culture</li> <li>▪ State Agencies (environment, forestry, energy, culture, etc.)</li> <li>▪ Local self governments (LSG)</li> <li>▪ Local Inspectorats (communal offices)</li> </ul>

**Table 4.1 - Stakeholder classification**

The settlements closest to the proposed 500m corridor that are most likely to be impacted by the Project:

These settlements summarized in the table 4.2 below indicating their distance from the corridor. The residents of these villages are most likely to be impacted by land acquisition for the towers, the substation and associated infrastructure. Consultation activities with the residents of these villages and settlement will start during the detailed design-design phase to minimize land acquisition impacts by carefully selecting tower locations. Additional consultation activities related to the processes of land acquisition will be organized with affected landowners and land users.

Municipality	Settlement	Population*	Distance from corridor
Resen	Sopotsko	184	500m
	Kriveni	25	400m
	Leva Reka	54	600m
Debrca	Volino	362	750m
	Moroista	224	750m
Struga	Vranista	1174	> 1000m

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	Dolna Belica	693	> 1000m
	Zagracani	753	1000m
	Radolista	1961	500m
	Frangovo	1154	500m
	Mali Vlaj	61	750m
<b>Novaci</b>	Novaci	1054	>1000m
	Dobromiri	285	500m
<b>Mogila</b>	Mogila	472	>1000m
<b>Bitola</b>	Trn	30	1000m
	Krklino	205	>1000m
	Kukureceni	1121	>1000m
	Bratin Dol	154	>1000m
	Rotino	106	>2000m
	Capari	422	>2000m
	Kazani	65	>1000m
	Giavato	111	600m

**Table 4.2 – Settlements closest to the proposed corridor \* 2002 population census data**

Apart from landowners, many formal and informal land users can temporarily lose access to livelihoods and ecosystem services in the forested areas. The land use patterns for agricultural purposes are easy to map regardless of formal or informal land users.

The team observed several cultivated areas on supposedly public land. Forest ecosystem services are used by several settlements that collect firewood, medicinal and other herbs, mushrooms and fruits. The extent to which people rely on forest services can only be estimated at this stage. The Project will only impact access temporarily and once the construction period is over the forest services will be available again. Trees will still grow along the corridor, only the height will be regulated for safety reasons. There was informal grazing on forest areas and state owned land, in particular along the borders of the proposed Jablanica National Park. However, it can be assumed that pasture users live in the settlements close to the affected areas and consultation activities will successfully inform them on any Project impacts.

The communication with the local population along the corridor is developed in close cooperation with the local self-government, including the questions for utilization of the local languages. The consultation meetings will be organized in cooperation with the local self-government, so that the largest availability and access of the people in the region is enabled.

#### Communication Methods

A variety of communication methods were identified during the original SEP preparation to be used as appropriate for each set of stakeholders. In general, key communication channels will include:

- Public meetings

- Individual meetings
- Announcements in media
- Provision of general information on notice-boards at key public locations
- Regular mail / e-mail correspondence  
Publication of relevant project information on the MEPSO website ([www.mepso.com.mk](http://www.mepso.com.mk)).

A Stakeholder register and the appropriate communication methods for each of these stakeholders are given in Appendix 2.

## 5. Review of Stakeholders Engagement to Date

MEPSO has engaged with key stakeholders during the ESIA process. Attention has been paid to the identification of vulnerable stakeholders whose life and well-being could be affected by project activities. This involved a number of meetings with people who could be directly affected by the Project, including a series of meetings in August - September 2012 with representatives from all affected municipalities and number of individual rural settlements close to the proposed transmission line corridor. In the period from July 2012 until today, a national procedure on ESIA approval is ongoing; it includes all relevant sides' inputs.

### *5.1. Stakeholder engagement activities during the initial draft ESIA stage*

During the scoping and ESIA stages, several consultation activities were undertaken with relevant government authorities and ministries, the municipalities of Novaci, Mogila, Bitola, Resen, Ohrid, Debrca and Struga and the settlements closest to the proposed corridor.

MEPSO has organized special consultation events with biodiversity experts to discuss various vegetation, landscape related project impacts, appropriate mitigation measures, as well as NGO meetings, where mainly environmental impacts were discussed. Aspects of agriculture, irrigation, health and safety concerns during the construction and operational phase were discussed in details with residents of the villages closest to the 500m corridor selected for the Project. Information on compensation, electricity supply and construction traffic and impacts management were also discussed with the communities closest to the corridor. An overview of the stakeholder consultation process throughout the ESIA process is given in Appendix 4.

The key stakeholders expressed their views and concerns about:

#### **(i) General public and affected people:**

- Land acquisition / expropriation and compensation
- Effect on agricultural activities and associated irrigation practices in particular areas along the corridor (Pelagonija and Struga Field)
- Exposure to the electric and magnetic fields from an operational transmission line and substation
- Nuisance due to construction activities (dust dispersion, noise and traffic)
- General conditions with the electricity supply (contribution of the proposed project toward improvement of voltage level and security / reliability of the electricity supply)

**(ii) Municipal authorities:**

- Spatial and urban planning aspects (proposed OHL corridor vis a vis existing and planned spatial / urban plans)

**(iii) Non-governmental Organizations:**

- Visual and landscape impacts
- Impacts to the forests and flora and fauna
- Impacts on Protected Areas

Consultation activities took place in October of 2012.

The first consultation took place in October 2012. The original SEP was finalized in October 2012, immediately after the completion of the consultation activities, organized by MEPSO, as per EBRD's request (PR10 from the Environmental policy and social aspects, EBOR, 2008).

In the period July 2012, up to today, extensive ESIA was conveyed, as per the national regulative. In the period April-May 2014 there were public hearings on the ESIA. The Ministry for environment and urban planning was responsible for the organization and documentation of the public discussions, whose minutes, as per the national regulative are announced on the web page of the Ministry of environment and urban planning.

***5.2. Disclosure of the ESIA package***

The ESIA package, including the ESIA (in Macedonian) and a Non-Technical Summary (NTS) of the ESIA, a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP), and an Environmental & Social Action Plan (ESAP) (all in English and Macedonian), and environmental decisions / permits (Macedonian) were available in hard copies, on request from:

- Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, Blvd. Goce Delcev b.b., (MRTV, floor 10-11-12)
- Offices of the concerned municipalities (see Appendix 2 - Table 8 for addresses of mayor's offices)
- The central premises of MEPSO in Skopje, Orce Nikolov str b.b., 1000 Skopje
- EBRD offices in Skopje (Soravia Centre Skopje, 7th floor, Filip II Makedonski 3., 1000 Skopje) and London (One Exchange Square, EC2A 2JN London, UK).

MEPSO accepted comments on the documents for 120 days according to EBRD's disclosure requirements. More information on the ESIA disclosure package and related consultation activities are included in Appendix 4.

***5.3. Communication channels used during previous information disclosure, public and stakeholder consultations***

The general information that include the most important information related to the ESIA procedure, as per the national regulative and the requests as per the EBRD requirements (PR10 from the Policy for environment and social aspects, EBOR 2008) were available:

- Internet page of MEPSO ([www.mepso.com.mk](http://www.mepso.com.mk))
- Head office and local premises of MEPSO
- The information tables in the areas of the relevant municipalities ( see Annex 2 for the addresses of the Mayor's office)
- Printed media and televisions

General information comprising the most important information related to the various stages of the development of the Project (design, construction and operations) will be available:

- MEPSO's website ([www.mepso.com.mk](http://www.mepso.com.mk))
- MEPSO's central and local premises
- Information board in offices of the concerned municipalities (see Appendix 2 for addresses of Mayors' offices)

Electronic version of the ESIA as well as the NTS, the ESAP and this SEP are available to the public on the websites of MEPSO ([www.mepso.com.mk](http://www.mepso.com.mk)), the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning ([www.mepso.gov.mk](http://www.mepso.gov.mk)) and EBRD ([www.ebrd.com](http://www.ebrd.com)).

Other Project summary documents, such as the NTS, SEP and ESAP were planned to be available in hard copies in the offices of the concerned municipalities.

#### ***5.4. Grievance mechanism***

The original SEP prepared in 2012 required a Project grievance mechanism according to EBRD's requirements. The original SEP was distinguishing between external grievance, grievance for employees of MEPSO and grievance for employees of contractors. A grievance mechanism has been set up for external stakeholders and the employees of the company in line with the previous SEP. MEPSO is committed to implement grievance mechanism for employees of contractors once the procurement activities are completed. The grievance mechanism is fully functional and available through the website, customer services and by post.

#### ***5.5. Compliance with EBRD's PR 10***

The consultation activities targeted all affected and interested stakeholders including numerous governmental and non-governmental organizations. MEPSO is committed to comply with EBRD's PR 10 and will continue to organize consultation and stakeholder activities in line with the requirements included in this updated SEP. Stakeholder engagement and information disclosure during the initial ESIA stage was coordinated and organized by MEPSO, as per EBRD requests (PR10 from the Policy for environment and social aspects, EBOR, 2008). In the period July 2012 until today, we have had ESIA procedure as per the national regulative. In the period April-May 2014, there were public discussions on ESIA. The Ministry of environment and urban planning was responsible for organizing and documenting of the public discussions, whose minutes were as per the national regulative, and are announced on the web page of the Ministry for environment and urban planning.

The information that was disclosed is in line with EBRD's requirements and the identified methods of disclosure suggest that all affected and interested stakeholders could access the necessary Project information and additional communication methods were offered to those interested in more details or specific topics. A telephone number leading to MEPSO customer service was operating parallel to information disclosure activities and a comments form were publicized for those preferring email communication.

A grievance mechanism for external stakeholders was set up in line with recommendations of the previous SEP. MEPSO confirmed that they have put the grievance mechanism in place and they stated that both the grievance form and their internal form was used to record grievances.

## 6. Planned Information Disclosure and Public Consultation

Further stakeholder engagement will be guided by this updated Stakeholder Engagement Plan, with further engagement with people directly affected by the Project also addressed in a Land Acquisition and Compensation Framework developed in June 2015. This Framework will ensure that all land acquisition and other compensation will be in full compliance with Macedonian law and with EBRD Performance Requirement 5 and will be discussed with those who are directly affected by land acquisition.

MEPSO intends to implement the Project as an example of good practice in the development of transmission lines and substation infrastructures with the aim to involve stakeholders and maintain good communication practices throughout the life of the project. According to this approach, the target of the information disclosure / communication will be:

- To provide to stakeholders a schedule and information on activities that will be arranged, together with the mechanisms for their feedback.
- To make public the commitment to ensure the best practices in terms of environment protection and health and safety for workers and contractors.
- To make available to the public a grievance procedure, in order to collect the negative feedback and to act in correcting the causes that may lead to a negative opinion about project.

Once the ESIA supplementary documents are prepared, a meeting to disclose those documents will be organized in the affected municipalities and settlements. This will ensure that early engagement starts before the design stage and people will continuously be involved in stakeholder activities.

Stakeholder engagement activities will be publicized on MEPSO's website, the websites of affected municipalities (see Appendix 2 for more details), through announcements in local press, brochures and information boards in the villages and municipality buildings.

The contractor/ designer will start the design tower locations along the 500m corridor and then the actual affected land plots and forest areas will be determined. When available, the locations on the land in state ownership will be selected, instead of the ones in private ownership.

The contractor / designer will present their ideas about tower locations and affected villages will have the opportunity to meaningfully participate in the decision over selected locations. When possible state owned land locations will be preferred as opposed to privately owned land plots. A series of public meetings and public hearings along the proposed OHL route will be planned and organized by MEPSO.

During the construction phase, through installed mechanism in additional documents, as well as in the existing construction regulative, there will be permanent communication with the interested sides for the purpose of informing the villages on

the expected traffic related with the construction activities, the inconveniences and the other disturbances in the area.

**The table below summarizes planned future stakeholder engagement activities covering the detailed design and construction phases.  
Future Stakeholders’ Engagement Activities**

Stakeholders Group	Information to be disclosed	Channels for disclosure	Responsibilities	When to disclose
<p><b>People affected with land acquisition</b></p>	<p>LACF, NTS and updated NTS (updated following finalization of the line route), updated supplementary studies, awareness rising on health and safety and agricultural activities during and after construction, land acquisition processes, grievance mechanism.</p> <p>Detailed designs and planned tower and substation locations Construction impacts, timeframes and nuisances</p>	<p>Specific community and individual meetings, land acquisition meetings in line with published Land Acquisition and Compensation Framework (LACF).</p> <p>General project information to be provided, to include an updated NTS, following detailed design route, tower and access road location proposals.</p> <p>Stakeholder meetings in each community area (as part of general community engagement, see below).</p>	<p>MEPSO Construction Contractor</p>	<p>Prior to land acquisition</p> <p>During detailed design planning stage</p> <p>Prior to start of construction work</p> <p>Regular updates during construction</p>

		General information brochures and boards, announcements in newspapers, notice boards		
<b>Affected villages closest to the corridor</b>	LACF, NTS, updated supplementary studies, awareness raising on health and safety, grievance mechanism  Detailed designs and planned tower and substation locations Construction impacts, timeframes and nuisances	Formal e-mails or letters to the Heads of villages identified, explaining ongoing consultation process.  Provision of an updated NTS following the detailed design route, tower and access road proposals  Stakeholder meetings in each community area.  General project information, to include; information brochures and boards, announcements in newspapers and notice boards.	MEPSO Contractor	During detailed design planning stage  Prior to start of construction work  Regular updates during construction
<b>Affected</b>	NTS, updated	Formal e-	MEPSO	Prior to start of

<b>municipalities: Novaci, Mogila, Bitola, Resen, Ohrid, Debrca, Struga</b>	supplementary studies, grievance mechanism  Detailed designs and planned tower and substation locations	mails to representatives of the municipalities, stakeholder meetings	Contractor	construction work  Regular updates during construction
<b>General public in the Project area</b>	NTS and updated NTS, Project information, health and safety information  Information on construction activities	Information boards, announcement in newspapers	MEPSO  Detailed design and construction contractors	Prior start of construction work
<b>Government institutions and Ministries: Environment and Physical Planning, Agriculture, Forestry and Water, Economy, Finance, Transport and Communication</b>	NTS, updated supplementary studies, Project information  Information on mitigation measures and Project impacts  Detailed designs and planned tower and substation locations	Formal correspondence and meetings, hard copies of supplementary study documents.	MEPSO	During detailed design planning stage  Prior to start of construction work  Regular updates during construction
<b>UNESCO office including responsibility for the UNESCO World Heritage Site and the UNESCO World Biosphere.</b>	NTS, Project information  Detailed designs and planned tower and substation locations  Impacts ON construction in the UNESCO heritage areas	Formal correspondence, meetings during detailed design, official documentation.  Specific meeting with the Museum	MEPSO  Detailed design contractor	During the detailed design planning stage  Prior to start of construction work  Regular updates during construction

<b>Museum of Ohrid Town</b>		of the City of Ohrid when the proposed tower locations and access roads are proposed in detailed design, to screen against the UNESCO heritage location map and other heritage location information.			
<b>Local NGOs</b>	NTS and other Project documents upon request	Telephone, e-mail, individual meetings	MEPSO	Any during Project request	time the upon
<b>International NGOs</b>	NTS and other Project documents upon request	Telephone, e-mail, individual meetings	MEPSO	Any during Project request	time the upon

***Table 6.1 – Future Stakeholder Engagement Activities***

## 7. Grievance Mechanism

MEPSO shall continue to implement a Grievance Mechanism to ensure that it is responsive to any concerns and/or complaints from external stakeholders. Grievance process outline and Grievance Form are given in Appendix 3. The following indicative timeframe will be used:

- Written acknowledgement of receipt of the grievance: within 5 days of receiving the grievance
- Proposed resolution: within 30 days of receiving the grievance.

The planned grievance form is presented in Appendix 3. Such a form in Macedonian will be posted on the MEPSO's website ([www.mepso.gov.mk](http://www.mepso.gov.mk)) together with the description of the grievance response mechanism and provided to the relevant authorities in the municipalities.

Grievances may be made anonymously, although of course the party filing the grievance cannot be responded to directly in that case. The grievances will be systematically collected in a Project grievance log that will be updated every month by MEPSO. This grievance log will contain information about the person who submitted it, the date it was submitted, the details of the grievance, internal actions taken, any communication with the affected person, the resolution of the issue and the date it was resolved.

A workers' grievance mechanism will be established for the employees of construction companies as a part of general system or separately. Contractors of construction works will be informed by the Developer about the necessity to implement a grievance mechanism for their employees in line with EBRD requirements.

## **8. Developer's Contact Information and Responsible Person**

Developer: Macedonian Transmission System Operator (MEPSO)

Postal address: Maksim Gorki no. 4., 1000 Skopje  
Phone: + 389 (0)2 3 149 005 and + 389 (0)2 3149 040  
Fax: + 389 (0)2 3 111 160  
E-mail: info@mepso.com.mk

Responsible person for overseeing adequate implementation of this SEP is:

AD MEPSO, Skopje  
Vesna Drejovska  
Str . Maksim Gorki No. 4, 1000 Skopje  
Tel: 02 3149600 Fax : 02 3111 160  
email: vesna.drejovska@mepso.com.mk



## Appendix 2 - Stakeholder Register and Communication Methods

The following tables contain the identified stakeholders and their contact details. The list of stakeholders will be updated and extended as necessary and their contact details will also be dated regularly. The frequency and methods of communication have been updated to reflect the next steps in Project implementation.

Stakeholders / Settlements	Settlement population <sup>*)</sup>	Communication method	
<b>Residents of villages / communities where the project activities will take place, including villages affected by land acquisition</b>	<b>Novaci</b>	<p>One meeting to disclose information on the updated supplementary studies and planned timeline of Project</p> <p>During detailed design planning stage: at least one public consultation meeting organized in each village, using information boards and brochures of the updated supplementary studies, as well as an updated NTS showing the more detailed proposals on the routing following detailed design. Project announcements in newspapers, email and telephone communication</p> <p>During construction: weekly updates of construction works and possible impacts, nuisances and disturbances, information boards, newspaper announcements</p>	
	- Novaci		1,054
	- Dobromiri		285
	<b>Mogila</b>		
	- Mogila		472
	<b>Bitola</b>		
	- Trn		30
	- Krklino		205
	- Kukurecani		1,121
	- Bratin Dol		154
	- Rotino		106
	- Capari		422
	- Kazani		65
	- Gjavato		111
	<b>Resen</b>		
	- Sopotsko		184
	- Kriveni		25
	- Leva Reka		54
	<b>Ohrid</b>		
	- Svinista		63
- Rasino	8		
- Vapila	97		
- Livoista	150		
<b>Debrca</b>			
- Volino	362		
<b>Struga</b>			
- Moroista	224		
- Vranista	1,174		
- Dolna Belica	693		
- Zagracani	753		
- Radolista	1,961		
- Frangovo	1,154		
- Mali Vlaj	61		

**Table A2.1 - Stakeholder identification – settlements along the proposed OHL**

<sup>\*)</sup> Source: Census of Population, Households and Dwellings in Macedonia, 2002

<b>Stakeholder</b>	<b>Communication Method</b>
Employees of the Developer (MEPSO)	In accordance with the rules and procedures of internal communication of the Developer
Construction companies	In accordance with the rules given in agreement between the Developer and the construction companies
Contractors & transporters	In accordance with the rules given in agreement between the Developer and the transport companies

***Table A2.2 - Stakeholder identification – participate in implementation of the Project***

	Stakeholder	Communication Method	
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning</b> Blvd. Goce Delcev bb (MRTV, 10-11-12 floor ) 1000 Skopje, Macedonia Tel: (02) 3251-400; Fax: (02) 3220-165; email: infoeko@moepp.gov.mk	Official letters / correspondence Submission of documentation Individual meetings	Disclosure of updated supplementary documents , on-going communication as requested by the Ministry and according to administrative procedures
	<b>Ministry of Economy</b> Jurij Gagarin 15 1000 Skopje, Macedonia Tel: 3093-408 Fax: 3084-472 www.economy.gov.mk	Official letters / correspondence Submission of documentation Individual meetings	Disclosure of updated supplementary documents , on-going communication as requested by the Ministry and according to administrative procedures
	<b>Ministry of Finance</b> Dame Gruev 15 1000 Skopje, Macedonia tel: (02) 3117-288 fax: (02) 3106-779 finance@finance.gov.mk	Official letters / correspondence Submission of documentation Individual meetings	Disclosure of updated supplementary documents , on-going communication as requested by the Ministry and according to administrative procedures
	<b>Ministry of Transport and Communications</b> Crvena skopska opstina 4 1000 Skopje, Macedonia tel: (02) 3145-497 fax: (02) 3126-228 e-mail: contact@mtc.gov.mk	Official letters / correspondence Submission of documentation Individual meetings if required	Disclosure of updated supplementary documents , on-going communication as requested by the Ministry and according to administrative procedures

	<b>Ministry of Culture</b> Gjuro Gjakovik 61 1000 Skopje, Macedonia Tel: (02) 3240-600 Fax: (02) 3240-561 info@kultura.gov.mk www.kultura.gov.mk	Official letters / correspondence Submission of documentation Individual meetings	Announcing of the updated supplementary documents. At least one meeting during the detailed design planning stage to consult on cultural heritage impacts and mitigation. On-going consultation during construction to inform about cultural heritage impacts in accordance with administrative procedures
	<b>Ministry of Agriculture,          Forestry and Water Economy</b> Jurij Gagarin 15 1000 Skopje, Macedonia Tel: (02) 3134 477 fax: (02) 3230 429 info@mzsv.gov.mk www.mzsv.gov.mk	Official letters / correspondence Submission of documentation Individual meetings	Disclosure of updated supplementary documents , on-going communication as requested by the Ministry and according to administrative procedures

*Table A2.3 - Stakeholder identification – key decision makers / 1*

Stakeholde		Communication Method	
Administration of	<b>Novaci Municipality</b> Address: 7211 Novaci Phone: + 389 47 203 060		
	<b>Mogila Municipality</b> Address: 7216 Mogila Phone : + 389 47 296 466 Fax: +389 47 296 360		Disclosure of the updated supplementary studies.
	<b>Bitola Municipality</b> Address: Bul.Prvi Maj 61, 7000 Bitola Phone: + 389 47 234 234, Fax: + 389 47		At least one kick-off meeting starting at the detailed design planning stage.
	<b>Resen Municipality</b> Address: Plostad Marsal Tito 20, 7310 Resen Phone: + 389 47 454 450 Fax: + 389 47 452 200 Web: <a href="http://www.resen.gov.mk">www.resen.gov.mk</a>	Consultative meetings	Monthly updates of construction activities during construction phase
	<b>Ohrid Municipality</b> Address: Dimitar Vlahov 57, 6000 Ohrid Phone:+389 46 262 492 Fax: + 389 46 262 545 Web: <a href="http://www.ohrid.gov.mk">www.ohrid.gov.mk</a>	Correspondence relating to the project	
	<b>Debrca Municipality</b> Address: 6344 Belcista Phone: + 389 46 286 855 Fax: + 389 46 286 855 Web:	Exchange of information	
	<b>Struga Municipality</b> Address: Marsal Tito bb, 6330 Struga Phone : + 389 46 781 223, 782 015	Submission of documentation	

*Table A2.4 - Stakeholder identification – key decision makers / 2*

Stakeholder		Communication Method	
<b>National Agencies / Bodies</b>	<b>Macedonian Directorate for Environment Protection</b> Blvd. Goce Delcev bb (MRTV, 10-11-12 floor) 1000 Skopje, Macedonia Tel: (02) 3251-400; Fax: (02) 3220-165; email: infoeko@moepp.gov.mk	Official letters / correspondence  Submission of documentation	Disclosure of updated supplementary documents , on-going communication as requested and according to administrative procedures
	<b>Regulatory Agency for Energy</b> Dimitar Cupovski bb, 1000 Skopje, Macedonia Tel: (02) 3233-580 Fax: (02) 3233-586 erc@erc.org.mk www.erc.org.mk	Official letters / correspondence  Submission of documentation	Disclosure of updated supplementary documents , on-going communication as requested and according to administrative procedures
	<b>Agency for Energy</b> Orce Nikolov 68 1000 Skopje, Macedonia Tel: (02) 3230-300 Fax: (02) 3230-300 ea@ea.gov.mk www.ea.gov.mk	Official letters / correspondence  Submission of documentation	Disclosure of updated supplementary documents , on-going communication as requested and according to administrative procedures

	<p><b>Cultural Heritage Protection Office</b>  Gjuro Gjakovik 61  1000 Skopje, Macedonia  Tel: (02) 3289-703  Fax: (02) 3289-777  contact@uzkn.gov.mk  www.uzkn.gov.mk</p>	<p>Official letters / correspondence</p> <p>Submission of documentation</p>	<p>Disclosure of updated supplementary documents.</p> <p>At least one meeting during the detailed design planning stage to consult on cultural heritage impacts and mitigation</p> <p>On-going consultation during construction to inform about cultural heritage impacts in accordance to administrative procedures</p>
	<p><b>Spatial Planning Agency</b>  Macedonia Square  1000 Skopje,  Macedonia Tel / fax:  (02) 3227-244  agencija@app.gov.mk  www.app.gov.mk</p>	<p>Official letters / correspondence</p> <p>Submission of documentation</p>	<p>Disclosure of updated supplementary documents, on-going communication as requested and according to administrative procedures</p>
<p><b>UNESCO (and UNESCO relevant bodies)</b></p>	<p><b>UNESCO Head Quarter</b>  (1) 7, place de Fontenoy 75352 Paris 07 SP France  (2) 1, rue Miollis 75732 Paris Cedex 15 France  General Phone: + 33 1 45 68 10 00</p>	<p>Official letters / correspondence</p> <p>Reports as per UNESCO requirements</p> <p>Submission of documentation</p>	<p>In accordance to UNESCO disclosure of updated supplementary documents</p> <p>At least one meeting during the creation of the detailed design planning stage to consult on cultural heritage impacts and mitigation</p>

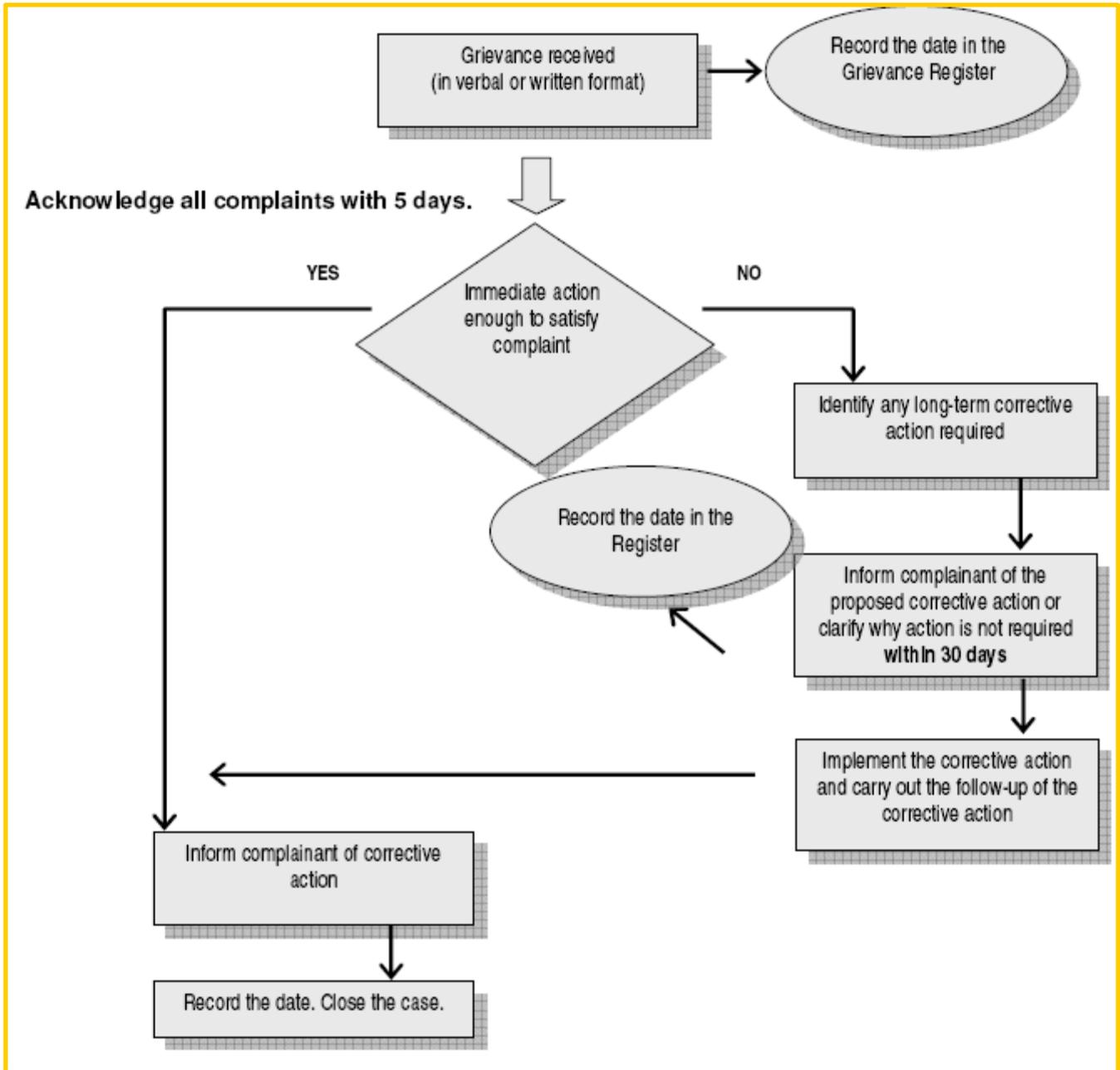
	<p><b>UNESCO World Biosphere</b>          Ohrid-Prespa Transboundary Reserve, Office in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, SRC Atina Bojadzi, 6000 Ohrid, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Telephone: +389-(0)75-263000, E-mail: <a href="mailto:dejpan11@gmail.com">dejpan11@gmail.com</a></p>		<p>On-going consultation during construction to inform about cultural heritage impacts in accordance to administrative procedures</p>
<p><b>MK UNESCO Authority</b></p>	<p><b>National Commission for UNESCO of Macedonia</b>          Ministry of Culture          Gjuro Gjakovik 61          1000 Skopje, Macedonia          Tel: (02) 3240-600          Fax: (02) 3240-561          info@kultura.gov.mk          www.kultura.gov.mk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official letters / correspondence</li> <li>• Submission of documentation</li> </ul>	<p>Disclosure of updated supplementary studies. At least one meeting during the detailed design planning stage to consult on cultural heritage impacts and mitigation.</p> <p>On-going consultation during construction to inform about cultural heritage impacts in accordance to administrative procedures</p>

*Table A2.5 - Stakeholder identification – key decision makers /3*

Name	Contact Details	Communication Method	
<b>Ecologists' Movement of Macedonia (DEM)</b>	Vasil Gjorgov 39/6, 1000 Skopje Tel/Fax: + 389 2 220 518 dem@dem.org.mk www.dem.org.mk		
<b>Macedonian Ecological Society (MES)</b>	<b>Macedonian Ecological Society</b> Ul. Vladimir Nazor no.10 Skopje 1000 Macedonia http://mes.org.mk/nov-sajt/ t. +389 (0)2 2402 773 f. +389 (0)2 2402 774; m. +389 78 393 436	Information on the updated supplementary studies	
<b>Bird protection Macedonia</b>	Institute for Animal Taxonomy and Ecology; Biology Institute, Faculty on Natural Sciences Gazi Baba bb, 1000 Skopje Tel: 078/441-303 nikom88@yahoo.co.uk www.birdprotection.org.mk	On request any time starting from the detailed design planning phase	
<b>Bioeko</b>	Briselska 12, 1000 Skopje Tel: (0)2 245-4572 / 307-3588 Fax: (0)2 245-4572 / 307-7077 bioeco@unet.com.mk www.bioeco.org.mk	• Direct meeting(s)	
<b>Eko-svest – Centre for environmental research and information</b>	Blvd 11 Oktomvri 125/12, 1000 Skopje Tel: (02) 3217-247 Fax: (02) 3217-246 mob: 072 726-104 ana@bankwatch.org info@ekosvest.com.mk	• Public meetings • Publication of documentation	
<b>Macedonian Green Center</b>	Kosta Novakovik 1A/19 1000 Skopje Tel/Fax: (02) 6132-432 Mob : 078 205 217 zeleni@zeleni.org.mk www.zeleni.org.mk	• E-mail / telephone	
<b>Front 21/42</b>	Orce Nikolov 83A, POBox 22, 1000 Skopje Tel/Fax: (02) 3122-546 mob: 075 433-231 contact@front.org.mk www.front.org.mk		
<b>Molika (Ecological Movement)</b>	Kichevska 24, 7000 Bitola Tel: 047/232469 Mob: 070/547-281 molika@t-home.mk		
<b>Biosfera</b>	Dimo Hadzi Dimov 3,7000 Bitola Tel: 047/ 550 558 info@biosfera.org.mk www.biosfera.org.mk		

**Table A2.6 - Stakeholder identification – Non-governmental organizations** The NGOs listed in the table were identified and contacted/consulted during the ESIA. Other NGO may be identified in further stages of project implementation.

### Appendix 3 – Grievance Mechanism



**Figure A3.1 - Flowchart for processing of grievances****Public Grievance Form**

<b>MEPSO</b> <b>Maksim Gorki No.4, 1000 Skopje, Macedonia</b> <b>Tel/Fax: +389 2 3238 213; +389 2 3149811; info@mepso.com.mk</b>	
Elbasan (AL) – Bitola (MK) 400kV Transmission Line Project	
<b>PUBLIC GRIEVANCE FORM</b>	
<b>Contact details of person submitting the comments and suggestions</b> We would like you to provide your name, address and e-mail, if possible. If you wish to remain anonymous, this is not a problem. Please just write ANONYMOUS in the box below. Your grievance will still be considered by MEPSO. You can write on the reverse side or on additional pages. You do not need to fill in the grey section of this form. It is for our registration of your grievance and response to it. After you have filled in this form, it can be submitted by letter, by fax or by e-mail to MEPSO (see the contact details above).	
Name	
Address	
Telephone	E-mail address
<b>Grievance concerning implementation of the Elbasan Bitola 400kV Transmission Line Project</b>	
What happened?	
How this did became a problem for you? How does this disturb you?	
Where did it happen?	
When did it happen? Once (date) _____ Several times (how many?) _____ On-going problem _____	
What would you like to see happen to improve the situation?	
Which contact language you prefer: <input type="checkbox"/> Macedonian <input type="checkbox"/> Albanian <input type="checkbox"/> English	
<b>STATUS OF GRIEVANCE</b>	
How was the grievance received: <input type="checkbox"/> In person <input type="checkbox"/> By phone <input type="checkbox"/> By mail <input type="checkbox"/> By e-mail <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe).....	
Grievance registration date:	Grievance number:
	Registered by:
Response required Yes/No	Person responsible for preparing the response:
Response sent (date):	Response registered (date):

**Figure A3.2 - Public Grievance Form for the project**

#### **Appendix 4 – An Overview of Past Stakeholder Engagement Activities until October 2012**

The tables below provide information on the stakeholder activities undertaken during the first ESIA phase in the period from 2012 up to today.

Upon the held meetings with all relevant sides, in the period August – October 2012, organized by MEPSO, and as per EBRD request (PR10 from the Policy on environment and social aspects, EBRD, 2008), the tables provide an overview of the issues discussed and information disclosed, as well as the number of participants and the organizations and villages represented during the meetings. MEPSO was responsible for the organization and documentation of all the stakeholder meetings related to the original SEP that was finalized in October 2012 .

The information about the meetings were published on MEPSO's website, the websites of relevant municipalities, newspaper announcements and information boards were also used to invite affected people to participate. This appendix collects all the available information and stakeholder engagement plans that were included in the original SEP.

The original ESIA disclosure program and related stakeholder engagement activities are shown in the tables below. These activities were designed to disclose the draft ESIA package for public comments and provide a roadmap for consultation with government authorities and key decision makers in the energy and environment sectors.

It is important to note that due to the cultural significance of the Ohrid area, UNESCO has been previously consulted, and will be consulted in future. The local cultural heritage experts (e.g. the Museum in the City of Ohrid) were also consulted to ensure that the Project will have no significant adverse impacts on cultural heritage in general and specifically the UNESCO heritage sites.

In the period July 2012, up to today, the procedure on ESIA was introduced as per the national regulative. In the period April-May 2014 there were public discussions on ESIA. The Ministry of environment and urban planning was responsible for organizing and documenting of the public discussions, whose minutes, as per the national regulative, were announced on the web page of the Ministry of environment and urban planning. The information on the initiation and the introduction of the procedure on ESIA were announced on the web page of MEPSO, the web page of the relevant municipalities and the press releases sent to the media. In this addendum, we have gathered all information we have received, as well as the plans for inclusion of the interested sides that were involved in the ESIA procedure, implemented as per the national regulative.

ESIA disclosure activities plan for			
Stakeholder	How	When	Why
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All stakeholders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public announcements</li> <li>Websites of:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EBRD: www.ebrd.com</li> <li>MEPSO: www.mepso.com.mk</li> <li>Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning: www.moepp.gov.mk</li> </ul> </li> <li>Concerned municipalities:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Novaci: www.opstinanovaci.gov.mk</li> <li>Mogila: www.mogila.gov.mk</li> <li>Bitola: www.bitola.gov.mk</li> <li>Resen: www.resen.gov.mk</li> <li>Ohrid: www.ohrid.gov.mk</li> <li>Debrca: www.debarca.gov.mk</li> <li>Struga: www.struga.gov.mk</li> </ul> </li> <li>Available printed copies in premises of MEPSO, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning and offices of concerned municipalities</li> <li>Notice boards in affected communities and in mayor's offices of each concerned municipality</li> </ul>	After project's ESIA disclosure:	ESIA consultation process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EBRD requirements               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Macedonian requirements (formal procedure in compliance with national EIA regulations upon public disclosure the EIA re- port)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governmental institutions</li> <li>Local self</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Official letters</li> <li>Submission of relevant project documentation</li> <li>Meetings</li> </ul>	Preparation period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To obtain necessary permits from various competent authorities, including construction permit</li> </ul>

*Table A4.2 - Disclosure of the ESIA package for public review / 1*

<b>ESIA disclosure activities plan for 2012</b>			
<b>Stakeholder</b>	<b>How</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Why</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Affected settlements / property owners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community and individual meetings with property owners</li> <li>Public announcements in daily newspapers</li> <li>Notice boards in affected communities</li> </ul>	Prior to construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Land and property acquisition process</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All stakeholders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public announcements in daily newspapers</li> </ul>	Commencement of construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commencement of construction activities</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developer (MEPSO)</li> <li>Relevant governmental institutions / agencies</li> <li>Local self governments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Official letters</li> <li>Meetings</li> </ul>	Throughout construction period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring construction progress / performance</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developer (MEPSO)</li> <li>Affected settlements / property owners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group meetings in MEPSO premises or other appropriate locations</li> <li>Grievance mechanism</li> </ul>	Throughout construction period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consideration of construction activities</li> <li>Consideration of concerns raised by affected stakeholders</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developer (MEPSO)</li> <li>Internal stakeholders and contractors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Official letters</li> <li>Meetings</li> </ul>	Throughout construction period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress of construction activities</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developer (MEPSO)</li> <li>Relevant governmental institutions / agencies</li> <li>Local self governments</li> <li>Affected settlements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Official letters</li> <li>Meetings</li> </ul>	Prior to operational period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioning of the OHL operations</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developer (MEPSO)</li> <li>Affected settlements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Official letters</li> <li>Meetings</li> <li>Grievance mechanism</li> </ul>	Throughout operational period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any outstanding issue related to the OHL operation</li> <li>Any grievance received</li> </ul>

**Table A4.3 - Disclosure of the ESIA package for public review / 2**

Meeting/Consultation	Stakeholders present	No. of people consulted	Key Issues discussed	Method
<b>Consultations with relevant institutions</b>				
(1) Name: Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning Place: Skopje Date: 25.09.2012 Time: 10.00-11.00h	* IPF Team * MEPSO *Ministry's representatives	(3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OHL corridor</li> <li>Key environment issues</li> <li>ESIA scope</li> <li>UNESCO related aspects</li> <li>ESIA procedure</li> </ul>	Official meeting
<b>Consultations with affected municipalities</b>				
(1) Name: Novaci Municipality Place: Novaci Date: 03.09.2012 Time: 14.00h-15.00h	* IPF Team * MEPSO * Municipality's representatives	(8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OHL corridor</li> <li>Key environment issues</li> <li>ESIA scope</li> <li>Spatial and urban planning / documents vis a vis proposed OHL corridor</li> <li>Construction transport through residential areas</li> <li>Agriculture activities vis-a-vis operational OHL</li> </ul>	Official meeting
(2) Name: Mogila Municipality Place: Mogila Date: 04.09.2012 Time: 11.00h-12.00h		(3)		Official meeting
(3) Name: Bitola Municipality Place: Bitola Date: 03.09.2012 Time: 11.00h-13.30h		(5)		Official meeting
(4) Name: Resen Municipality Place: Resen Date: 05.09.2012 Time: 11.00h-13.00h		(2)		Official meeting
(5) Name: Ohrid Municipality Place: Ohrid Date: 10.09.2012 Time: 12.00h-13.30h		(2)		Official meeting
(6) Name: Debrca Municipality Place: Debrca Date: 07.09.2012 Time: 11.00h-13.00h		(3)		Official meeting
(7) Name: Struga Municipality Place: Struga Date: 06.09.2012 Time: 10.00h-12.00h		(3)		Official meeting
<b>Consultations with settlements close to the OHL</b>				
(1) Name: Dobromiri (Novaci) Place: Dobromiri Date: 03.09.2012	* IPF Team * MEPSO *Local residents	(5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OHL corridor</li> <li>Proposals for routing details /</li> </ul>	Interview

Time: 17.00h-18.00h			changes	
(2) Name: Mogila (Mogila) Place: Mogila Date: 03.09.2012 Time: 12.00h-13.00h		(5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key environment and social issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mitigation</li> <li>• Compensation</li> <li>• Construction through agricultural and residential areas</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Agriculture / irrigation activities vis à vis operational OHL (Pelagonija and Struga Field)</li> <li>• Electricity supply</li> <li>• Further consultations</li> </ul>	Interview
(3) Name: Trn, Bratin Dol, Capari, Kazani, Rotino, Gjavato (Bitola) Place: Bitola Date: 04.09.2012 Time: 17.30h-19.00h		(10)		Interview
(4) Name: Leva Reka (Resen) Place: Leva Reka Date: 05.09.2012 Time: 13.00h-14.30h		(3)		Interview
(5) Name: Kriveni (Resen) Place: Kriveni Date: 05.09.2012 Time: 14.30h-16.00h		(7)		Interview
(6) Name: Sopotsko (Resen) Place: Sopotsko Date: 05.09.2012 Time: 16.00h-17.30h		(2)		Interview
(7) Name: Mislesevo, Moroista, Radolista (Struga) Place: Struga Date: 06.09.2012 Time: 13.00h-14.00h		(4)		Interview
(8) Name: Volino (Debrca) Place: Volino Date: 07.09.2012 Time: 14.30h-16.00h		(3)		Interview
(9) Name: Svinista, Rasino, Vapila, Livoista (Ohrid) Place: Ohrid Date: 10.09.2012 Time: 14.00h-16.00h		(8)		Interview

Consultations with NGO				
(1) Name: Macedonian Ecological Society (MES) Place: Skopje Date: 17.05.2012 Time: 10.00h-11.00h	* IPF Team * NGO representative	(3)		Meeting
(2) Name: Bioeco Place: Skopje Date: 06.07.2012 Time: 10.00h-11.30h	* IPF Team * NGO representative	(2)		Meeting
(3) Birdprotection Place: Skopje Date: 27.09.2012 Time: 14.00h-15.00h	* IPF Team * NGO representative	(2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OHL corridor alternatives</li> <li>• Key environment and social issues</li> <li>• ESIA scope</li> <li>• Visual effects</li> <li>• Impacts on forests</li> <li>• Bird protection</li> <li>• Mitigation</li> <li>• Further consultations</li> </ul>	Meeting
(4) Name: NGO Pelagonija Place: Novaci Date: 03.09.2012 Time: 15.00h-15.30h		(1)		Meeting
(5) Name: NGO Mogilka Place: Mogila Date: 04.09.2012 Time: 13.00h-13.30h		(2)		Meeting
(6) Name: NGOs: Molika, Biosfera and Eko-zena Place: Bitola Date: 04.09.2012 Time: 16.00h-17.30h	* IPF Team * MEPSO * NGO representative	(4)		Meeting
(7) NGO meeting, Skopje NGOs: Ecosvest; Birdprotection; Macedonian Entomological Society. Place: Skopje Date: 27.09.2012 Time: 12.00h-14.00h		(3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OHL corridor</li> <li>• Key environment and social issues</li> <li>• ESIA scope</li> <li>• Further consultations</li> </ul>	Meeting

Consultations with scientific institutions and individuals (biodiversity)				
(1) Name: Prof. Ljupco Melovski Faculty on Natural Sciences, Biology Institute and President of MES Place: Skopje Date: 16.05.2012 Time: 12.00h	* IPF Team	(1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OHL corridor</li> <li>• Key biodiversity and landscape issues</li> <li>• Protected Areas</li> <li>• ESIA scope</li> <li>• Mitigation</li> </ul>	Meeting

(2) Name: Prof. Vlado Matevski Faculty on Natural Sciences, Biology Institute and member of Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts Place: Skopje Date: 16.05.2012 Time: 14.30h	* IPF Team	(1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OHL corridor</li> <li>• Key flora and vegetation issues</li> <li>• ESIA scope</li> <li>• Mitigation</li> </ul>	Meeting
(3) Name: D-r Svetozar Petkovski Museum of Natural History Place: Skopje Date: 06.07.2012 Time: 13.00h	* IPF Team	(1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OHL corridor</li> <li>• Key biodiversity issues</li> <li>• ESIA scope</li> <li>• Mitigation</li> </ul>	Meeting
(4) Name: Prof Branko Micevski, Ornithologist Faculty on Natural Sciences, Place: Skopje Date: 27.09.2012 Time: 15.30h	* IPF Team	(1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OHL corridor</li> <li>• Key biodiversity issues</li> <li>• Impacts on avian fauna</li> <li>• ESIA scope</li> <li>• Mitigation</li> </ul>	

*Table A4.1 – Details of stakeholder meetings during August-October 2012*

<b>Implementation on the ESIA procedure as per the national regulative</b>			
<b>Step in the procedure/ Document</b>	<b>Delivery date</b>	<b>Delivered to</b>	<b>Announced in:</b>
Intention informing on the construction of the inter-connected ground line 400kV, TC Bitola 2-Macedonian – Albanian border and TC 400/110 kV Ohrid and a list for checking in order to determine the ESIA scope	23.07.2012 addendum 19.10.2012	Ministry of environment and urban planning (MEUP)	- daily newspapers дневни весници: Utrinski vesnik and Koha (09.11.2012) - announced also on the web pages of MEUP and MEPSO
The decision on establishing the necessity of evaluating the impact on the environment within the project scope.	<b>17.12.2012</b>	MEPSO from MEUP	- daily newspapers: Nova Makedonija and Koha (20.12.2012)
ESIA Study	<b>05.12.2013</b>	- MEUP - Municipalities: Novaci, Mogila, Bitola, Resen, Ohrid, Debarca and Struga	- printed copy to MEUP and the municipalities Novaci, Mogila, Bitola, Resen, Ohrid, Debarca and Struga
Announcement that the ESIA Study for the Објава дека Студијата за ОБЖС 400 kV TL TC Bitola 2	<b>05.03.2014</b>	MEPSO to MEUP	- newspapers Nova Makedonija and Koha -The study is announced on the web

- Macedonian Albanian border and the TC 400/110 kV Ohrid is available at the web page of the MEUP in all 7 municipalities: Novaci, Mogila, Bitola, Resen, Ohrid, Debarca and Struga			pages of MEUP and MEPSO
Announcement on having public discussions in the 7 municipalities	<b>19-21.04.2014</b>	- to all 7 municipalities	- newspapers Nova Makedonija and Koha
Announcement on having public discussions in the municipalities Novaci and Bitola	<b>23.04.2014</b>		- in the electronic media, printed media, local TVs
Held public discussions in the municipalities of Mogila and Resen	<b>30.04.2014</b>		- in the electronic media, printed media, local TVs
Held public discussions in the municipalities of Debarca and Ohrid	<b>07.05.2014</b>		- in the electronic media, printed media, local TVs
Held public discussions in the municipality of Struga	<b>14.05.2014</b>		- in the electronic media, printed media, local TVs
Revised minutes from the public discussions prepared by MEUP	<b>31.07.2014</b>	MEUB	- on the web page of MEUB
Letter on addendum of the ESIA Study following the comments/ proposals submitted to the MEUP	<b>27.10.2014</b>	MEPSO from MEUP	
Final study for ESIA on the 400 kV TL TC Bitola 2 – Macedonian Albanian border and TC 400/110 kV Ohrid (ESIA) Final Action Plan (ESAP) Final non-technical resume (NTR)	<b>05.02.2015</b>	MEUP	- announced on the web pages of MEPSO and MEUP
Report on the ESIA compatibility study	<b>04.07.2015</b>	MEPSO from MEUP	- newspapers Nova Makedonija and Koha