

Explanatory note on Chapter 4.7 - Potential impact, Landscape

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Detailed Contents:

1. Review of impact of the change in the relevant legal framework on the Project and/or EIA Report

The legal framework on which basis was prepared Chapter 4.7. Landscape is relatively limited, being covered by the European Landscape Convention adopted upon 20 oct 2000 at Florence (ratified by Law No. 451/2002) as well as by the Framework-Convention on the protection and sustainable development of the Carpathians adopted upon 22 May 2003 at Kiev (this convention was only signed upon the submission of the EIA Report and it has since been ratified by Law No. **389/2006**).

Neither of the two conventions considered on preparation of chapter 4.7 Landscape has been amended to date. Therefore, all the obligations and principles set forth by the above conventions remain fully applicable.

In addition, Law No. 347/2004, the Mountain Law, was also considered upon the preparation of this chapter.

Law 347/2004 “Law of Mountain Region”; This law was successively amended, the most significant amendments being those set out by GEO No. 21/2008. The summary of these amendments was included in the section regarding chapter 4.6 Biodiversity.

The conclusion following the review of all these amendments is that they do not impact on Chapter 4.7. The landscape, its contents as well as the support studies remain fully pertinent and useful.

2. Updates on Chapter 4.7 - “Landscape”

The activities conducted by the Project during the suspension of the EIA Report review procedure, described in detail in the other explanatory notes, had no impact on the landscape, therefore are not of a nature to change:

- the methodological approach
- the baselines of the chapter (geomorphology, hydrology, vegetation, land use, natural monuments, landscape)
- assessment of anticipated landscape impact (impacts, land taken up by proposed facilities, project development phases, anticipated impact).
- landscape impact mitigation actions (alternative and impact prevention actions, land rehabilitation).

This section does not require updating, the conclusions of the chapter remain unchanged.