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# **List of Acronyms**

	Definition
AQMP	Air Quality Management Plan
BAP	Framework Biodiversity Action Plan
CHA	Critical Habitat Assessment
CLO	Community Liaison Officer
ÇEKÜL	Foundation for the Protection and Promotion of Environmental and Cultural Values
DSI	State Hydraulic Works
E&S	Environmental & Social
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EKAD	Ecological Research Society
Enerjisa Üretim	Enerjisa Üretim Santralleri Anonim Şirketi
EP	Equator Principles
EPDK	Energy Market Regulatory Authority
EPFI	Equator Principles Financial Institutions
ESIA	Environmental and Social Impact Assessment
ESPP	Environmental and Social Policy and Procedures
ETL	Energy Transmission Line
ESMS	Environmental and Social Management System
GBVH	Gender-Based Violence and Harassment
GM	Grievance Mechanism
HR	Human Resources
HRIA	Human Rights Impact Assessment
IFC	International Finance Corporation
IFIs	International Financial Institutions
LA	Land Acquisition
LCPP	Local Content and Procurement Procedure
MoAF	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
MoCT	Ministry of Culture and Tourism
MoEU	Ministry of Environment and Urbanization
MoEUCC	Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change
MoENR	Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources
MoLSS	Ministry of Labour and Social Security
MoTI	Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
NMP	Noise Management Plan
NTS	Non-Technical Summary
PAP	Project Affected Person/People
PDoEUCC	Provincial Directorate of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change
PR	Performance Requirements (EBRD)

Term	Definition		
PS	Performance Standards (IFC)		
RAP	Resettlement Action Plan		
REC	Resource, Environment and Climate Association		
RF	Resettlement Framework		
QMP	Wastewater Management Procedure		
SEFIA	Association for Sustainable Economics and Finance Research		
SEP	Stakeholder Engagement Plan		
TEIAŞ	Turkish Electricity Transmission Corporation		
TEMA	Türkiye Foundation for Combating Erosion, Afforestation and Protection of Natural Assets		
TMP	Traffic Management Plan		
TS	Transformer Substation		
TUÇEV	Turkish Environmental Protection Foundation		
WWTP	Waste and Wastewater Management Plan		
WPP	Wind Power Plant		
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature		
YEKA	Wind Energy Based Renewable Energy Resource Areas		

# 1 Introduction and Project Summary

### 1.1 Overview

Enerjisa Üretim Santralleri Anonim Şirketi has been entitled to invest in the Aydın Connection Region on 30 May 2019 within the scope of "Renewable Energy Resource Areas (YEKA) Regulation" and "Allocation of Wind Energy Based Renewable Energy Resource Areas (YEKA) and Total Connection Capacities" for Aydın Connection Region. Upon this award, a "YEKA Use Rights Agreement" was signed between Enerjisa Üretim Santralleri Anonim Şirketi and Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources (MoENR) on 09 March 2020. Subsequently, the "YEKA Use Rights Agreement" signed by Enerjisa Üretim Santralleri Anonim Şirketi for the Aydın Connection Region was transferred to Enerjisa Enerji Üretim Anonim Şirketi ("Enerjisa Üretim" or "the Project Company") with the transfer agreements signed on 03 June 2021.

Hacıhıdırlar Wind Power Plant (WPP) Project ("the Project") with 15 turbines and 63 MW $_m$ / 63 MW $_e$  total installed power, is planned to be established by Enerjisa Üretim in Aydın Province, Karacasu District, Karacaören and Ataköy neighbourhoods: Denizli Province, Sarayköy and Babadağ District, Kıranyer, Yeşilyurt and Hisar Neighbourhoods. The Project components consist of 15 turbines, a switchyard, a total of 17,727 m Project roads which is planned to be constructed (i.e., access and site roads) and a 154 kV single-circuit transmission line of approximately 12.5 km for connection to Denizli Transformer Substation (TS), which is currently operated by TEIAS. The Project is part of a nine-project wind energy investment package initiated by Enerjisa Üretim which has a 750 MW total installed power from a total of 180 wind turbines located in Aegean and Marmara Regions of western Turkey; aiming to evaluate and utilize the wind energy potential of the region and contribute to the national strategy and regional economy.

The Project area is one of the areas declared as a YEKA within the scope of the YEKA Regulation<sup>3</sup>. The Project Company has secured the preliminary license valid for 24 months for securing the required permits for the Project. The construction period of the Project will be 13 months and the operation period will be 49 years as stated in the National Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report. The construction of the Project will be initiated in the fourth quarter of 2024 with the construction of Project roads and is planned to be completed by the fourth quarter of 2025. The Project is subject to conducting National Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study in regard with the Regulation on Environmental Impact Assessment<sup>4</sup> of Türkiye. In this sense, a National EIA Report was prepared for the Project by an environmental consultancy company, namely Nartus (with a competency certificate dated January 2025 and numbered 267). The Final National EIA Report was submitted in March 2023 by Nartus. Upon submission of the Final National EIA Report to the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change (MoEUCC) General Directorate of Environmental Impact Assessment, Permit and Inspection, the "EIA Positive" decision for the Project was secured on 03 April 2023 by the MoEUCC. However, it is important to mention that a case was filed by local community members on 15 June 2023, requesting annulment of the National EIA Positive decision given on 03 April 2023 for the Project. The discovery was made by the Experts elected on 06 July 2023, and the Experts Opinion Report was prepared and submitted to the file on 11 November 2023. The issues subject to the court case and the Expert Opinion Report are provided in the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Report in detail, which is prepared to

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Published in the Official Gazette Date/No.: 09.10.2016/29852

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identify the impacts that are likely to occur due to implementation of construction and operation activities under the Project, and to comply with the requirements set by the International Financial Institutions (IFIs). After the examinations, it was stated that the National EIA Report was suitable in terms of environmental engineering, energy engineering, and archaeology, but it was not sufficient in terms of representing the fauna and ornithological structure of the Project area, flora, agricultural engineering, and forest engineering. However, on 14 December 2023, Enerjisa Üretim submitted a Petition of Objection to the Experts Report to the Presidency of the Aydın 2<sup>nd</sup> Administrative Court. The Consultant received the case files from Enerjisa Üretim on 03 January 2024.

According to the last information shared by the Project Company with the Consultant after the annulment of the National EIA Positive decision, the Project Company was conducting additional studies due to the lawsuit and these studies will be added as additional assessments to the National EIA and will be seeking approval for the revised National EIA. Project Company reported that a positive decision on the revised National EIA could be taken in July 2024 from MoEUCC.

During the 24-month pre-licence period, which is currently ongoing, the nominal power of used proposed wind turbines as well as the location of several wind turbines has changed in accordance with the official opinions of relevant authorities, leading to a change of the Project installed power capacity. Upon this change, a request was submitted to the MoENR for the revision of pre-licence in regard with the change in the Project design and the revised pre-licence was secured. According to this change, the Project will consist of 15 wind turbines, each with a unit power of 4.2 MWm/4.2 MWe; and it is projected that the WPP will have a 253,118,250 kWh/year of annual electricity generation capacity with a total installed power of 63 MW<sub>m</sub>/ 63 MW<sub>e</sub>. Detailed information on design changes is provided in the ESIA Report. The ESIA for the Project aims to ensure that the Project is developed and operated in an environmentally and socially responsible manner, minimising or eliminating adverse impacts and maximizing positive contributions to the surrounding communities and the ecosystem.

The Project Company is seeking an international finance loan from the International Financial Institutions (IFIs) regarding implementation of the Project under the nine-project package and proposed the Project to the potential IFIs for financing. Accordingly, the nine-project package loan is seeking to be funded by a group of development finance institutions and commercial lenders and with partial coverage by the German ECA Euler Hermes Aktiengesellschaft ("EH"). The lenders altogether are defined as "Project Lenders". The Project Lenders set requirements to identify, assess, avoid/minimise (where possible), and manage potential environmental and social risks, and impacts associated with the projects for achieving sustainable outcomes in the financed projects as per their commitments for financing a project.

As part of the financing process and achieving the sustainable outcomes within the Project, Mott MacDonald Türkiye ("the Consultant") has been appointed by Enerjisa Üretim to undertake an Environmental & Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Study to identify the impacts that are likely to occur due to implementation of construction and operation activities under the Project and to comply with the requirements set by the IFIs.

The Project includes several parties involved within various Project-related activities. In this sense, as well as its own Project team, the Project Company has appointed several consultancy companies to support during the National EIA process. The consultancy activities include social studies undertaken by Adam & Smith, and environmental monitoring studies for the National EIA undertaken by Nartus. The social consultants have regularly visited the mukhtars and residents of the neighbourhoods for approximately two years (between June 2021 and September 2023) that are in close proximity to the Project area.

The main role of the abovementioned consultants was to engage with the local communities on behalf of the Project Company and collect information about the settlement history, residential conditions, natural structures, population, migration, health, education, and cultural patterns of the neighbourhoods. During the visits, they also provided information about the Project and its potential impacts on the neighbourhoods, especially of the land acquisition and expropriation.

Furthermore, the Project Lenders have appointed an Independent Environmental and Social Consultant (IESC), namely Ramboll and ACE, for monitoring of the Project in line with the Lenders' standards and requirements. Figure 1.1 indicates to the organisational chart of the Project.

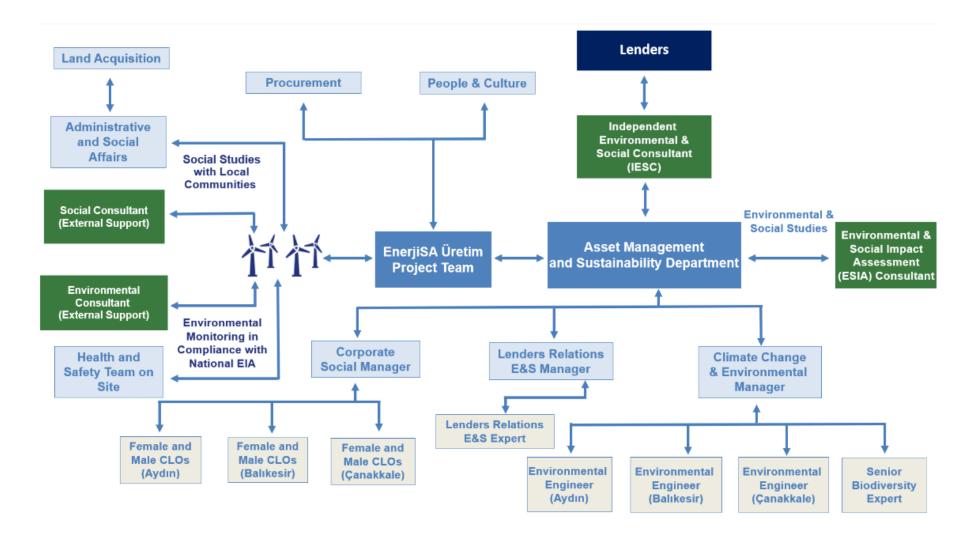


Figure 1.1: Project Organisational Chart

Source: Enerjisa Üretim

The IFIs seek compliance with internationally accepted environmental and social standards. Therefore, they require the Project Company to conduct an environmental and social assessment study and prepare the ESIA Report together with the relevant sub-plans.

This document represents the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) which has been prepared within the scope of the ESIA studies of the Project and in line with the requirements of the Performance Standard (PS) 1 of International Finance Corporation (IFC), Performance Requirements (PR) 1 and 10 of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)<sup>5</sup>, the Principles 5 and 6 of the Equator Principles IV (EP IV), and Environmental and Social Policy and Procedures (ESPP) 3 and 5 of the International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) as well as the Turkish national legislation including the Turkish EIA Regulation (OG Date/Number: 29.07.2022/31907), Law on Right to Information (No. 4982), Law on Preservation of Personal Data (No. 6698), Law on Use of the Right to Petition (No. 3071), and Regulation on the Principles and Procedures for the Enforcement of the Law on the Right to Information.

### 1.2 Objectives and Scope of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan

Within the scope of the ESIA process, this Project-specific SEP covering the pre-construction, construction and operation phases is prepared by Mott MacDonald. The objective of this SEP is to provide a brief summary of the stakeholder engagement activities undertaken to date and present a strategic guideline for future stakeholder engagement and consultation activities that will be implemented throughout the Project lifecycle in a comprehensive and culturally appropriate way. The SEP will follow a gender-sensitive approach during all implementation phases. SEP ensures that communication tools and information sharing mechanism are accessible to the vulnerable groups identified within the scope of the Project.

The SEP defines the stakeholder engagement activities to be organized, grievance mechanism to be applied, and the Project personnel responsible for the overall SEP implementation. During the definition of these Project-specific components, the temporary SEP, which has been prepared prior to the ESIA process and in place since October 2023, was utilized. The temporary SEP includes information about the previous stakeholder engagement activities and describes the future engagement requirements as well as the grievance mechanism, all of which are covered in the subsequent parts of this SEP. As per the temporary SEP and other related documents of the Energisa Üretim, the stakeholder engagement activities conducted so far have followed a local community member-centred and structured framework in line with the international requirements. The same approach will continue to be applied on site throughout the Project lifecycle. The Project Company is committed to actualize effective stakeholder engagement as defined in this SEP and in line with the IFC PS1, EBRD PR10, EP IV Principles and 5 and 6, and DFC ESPPs 3 and 5 requirements. The Project Company is also committed to follow the Turkish EIA Regulation (OG Date/Number: 29.07.2022/31907), Law on Right to Information (No. 4982), Law on Preservation of Personal Data (No. 6698), Law on Use of the Right to Petition (No. 3071), and Regulation on the Principles and Procedures for the Enforcement of the Law on the Right to Information in order to achieve an effective SEP. This SEP will be revised with the outcomes of the public participation meeting that will be conducted after the Final Draft ESIA Report is prepared and disclosure package of the Project is shared with the public.

### 1.3 Project Location and Social Area of Influence

The social area of influence (AoI) of the Project covers a total of five neighbourhoods in Karacasu district in Aydın province and Sarayköy and Babadağ districts in Denizli provinces according to the desktop studies. These are the nearest settlements to the Project area

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Project Company requires compliance with EBRD requirements.

including Karacaören and Ataköy neighbourhoods in Karacasu district, Hisar and Yeşilyurt neighbourhoods in Sarayköy district and, Kıranyer neighbourhood in Babadağ district.

An analysis has been made to assess the social receptors of the Project during the construction and operation phases separately. Accordingly, the direct social receptors of the Project during the construction phase are as follows:

- Local community members whose livelihoods have the potential to be significantly and adversely affected due to land acquisition and/or expropriation of their agricultural or pasture lands (physical displacement has been avoided),
- Nearby neighbourhoods and business enterprises located in the immediate vicinity of the Project area (approximately 2 km to 4 km distant from the nearest turbines to their neighbourhoods) that are likely to be exposed to increased traffic volume, road safety risks, dust, noise, and visual impacts,
- Local community members who are on the access roads to the Project area and/or use these roads, and are likely to be exposed to increased traffic volume and road safety risks.
- Local community members using the Project License Area for agriculture and animal husbandry and that may experience livelihood loss, increased traffic volume, and road safety risks.
- Local community members who may benefit from the Project's local employment opportunities,
- Business enterprises that may benefit from the Project's local procurement activities.
- Vulnerable groups who may be in need for essential consultation in the Project, and
- All construction phase workers employed within the scope of the Project (including subcontractors).

The social receptors that are estimated to be affected by the Project during the operation phase are listed below:

- Neighbouring communities located in the close proximity of the Project area that are likely to be exposed to noise and visual impacts.
- Residents located approximately 2 km to 4 km distant from the nearest turbines to their neighbourhoods (This group needs to be considered during the construction phase as such the residents use the lands as pasture for animal husbandry activities in the neighbourhood.
   It is likely that there will be traffic volume increase and dust generation on the main roads used to access the neighbourhood, especially during the construction phase),
- Local community members who may benefit from the Project's local employment opportunities.
- Business enterprises that may benefit from the Project's local economic activities,
- Vulnerable groups who may be in need for essential consultation in the Project, and
- All operation phase workers employed within the scope of the Project (including subcontractors).

### 1.4 Expected Project Impacts and Summary of Mitigations

Project's social impacts and mitigation measures are summarized in the table below.

Table 1.1: Summary of the Project's Social Impacts

Impact Topic	Impact Description	Receptor	Phase of the Project	Mitigation Measures
Population	It is critical that the Project workers coming to the region from outside are oriented in accordance with the social codes of the neighbourhood and integrated into daily life.	h	Construction	<ul> <li>Trainings and Code of Conduct for workers</li> <li>SEP, continuous consultation, and engagement through the Community Liaison Officers (CLOs)</li> <li>Community grievance mechanism</li> <li>Community Health, Safety and Security Procedure</li> <li>Company GBVH Policy</li> <li>Transport Control and Site Access Procedure/Traffic Management Plan</li> <li>Road safety, traffic regulations and speed limit trainings for workers within and near the Project area</li> </ul>
	Increased traffic volume during the construction phase throughout the access roads to the Project area may result in road traffic safety risks.	Local community members / Local communities / Project affected neighbourhoods		<ul> <li>Trainings and Code of Conduct for workers</li> <li>SEP, continuous consultation, and engagement through the CLOs</li> <li>Community grievance mechanism</li> <li>Community Health, Safety and Security Procedure</li> <li>Transport Control and Site Access Procedure/Traffic Management Plan</li> <li>Road safety, traffic regulations and speed limit trainings for workers within and near the Project area</li> </ul>
	During the operation phase, the turbines will produce noise from their mechanical and electrical components, as well as from the aerodynamic effects of the blades. Residents whose houses are close to the turbines may be affected from the noise during the operation phase.		Operation	<ul> <li>Noise Management Plan (NMP)</li> <li>SEP, continuous consultation, and engagement through the CLOs</li> <li>Community grievance mechanism</li> </ul>
Education	Increased traffic volume during the construction phase throughout the access roads to the Project area may result in road traffic safety risks.	Students / Local community members/ Project affected neighbourhoods	Construction	<ul> <li>Transport Control and Site Access Procedure/Traffic Management Plan</li> <li>Awareness activities for children about road traffic safety</li> </ul>

Impact Topic	Impact Description	Receptor	Phase of the Project	Mitigation Measures
	Educational institutions take a significant place for the Project Company in terms of corporate social responsibility activities and collaboration (i.e., student visits to the Project, renovation of the schools). The Project may lead students to receive further opportunities in access to education.  During the operation phase, the turbines will	-		<ul> <li>Road safety, traffic regulations and speed limit trainings for workers within and near the Project area</li> <li>SEP, continuous consultation, and engagement through the CLOs</li> <li>Community grievance mechanism</li> <li>Evaluating collaborative activities as corporate social responsibility strategy</li> <li>SEP, continuous consultation, and engagement through the CLOs</li> <li>Community grievance mechanism</li> <li>Noise Management Plan (NMP)</li> </ul>
	produce noise from their mechanical and electrical components, as well as from the aerodynamic effects of the blades. Students whose schools and/or houses are close to the turbines may be affected from the noise during the operation phase		Operation	<ul> <li>SEP, continuous consultation, and engagement through the CLO</li> <li>Community grievance mechanism</li> <li>Operational maintenance procedures</li> </ul>
Land Use, Physical and Economic Displacement	The land acquisition works of the Project is in progress. The lands planned to be acquired for expansion are used for generally agricultural purposes. Therefore, local community members who lose their agricultural or pasture lands may be impacted economically since their livelihood activities become limited or totally lost. Physical displacement has been avoided and is not expected within the scope of the Project.	Local community members whose lands are acquired-expropriated	e Construction	<ul> <li>SEP, continuous consultation, and engagement through the CLOs</li> <li>Community grievance mechanism</li> <li>Resettlement Action Plan</li> <li>Land Acquisition Procedure</li> </ul>
Local Economy, Livelihood Sources and Employment	It is important to consider the harvest and cultivation dates of the agricultural products to reduce the risk of dust and loss of livelihood during the construction activities.	Local community members whose livelihoods are based on agriculture	Construction	<ul> <li>SEP, continuous consultation, and engagement through the CLOs</li> <li>Community grievance mechanism</li> <li>Resettlement Action Plan</li> <li>Air Quality Management Plan</li> </ul>
	The contractors and subcontractors of the Project will employ the local unskilled and semi-skilled workforce. This can contribute to a certain	Local community members / Local	_	Local employment and procurement strategy

Impact Topic	Impact Description	Receptor	Phase of the Project	Mitigation Measures
	reduction in unemployment and increase in the welfare of the employed workers' families.	communities / Project affected neighbourhoods		<ul> <li>SEP, continuous consultation, and engagement through the CLOs</li> </ul>
	During the construction phase of the Project, there will be numerous procurement opportunities which may be beneficial for the local businesses, enterprises, and suppliers in terms of income generation and increase.	Local community members / Local businesses, enterprises, and suppliers	_	<ul> <li>Resettlement Action Plan</li> <li>Community grievance mechanism</li> <li>Local Content and Procurement Procedure (LCPP)</li> </ul>
	There are pasture lands where the Project is located. Main concerns reported by the consulted Local community members were about the loss of income for the households whose livelihood is based on animal husbandry. However, the turbine areas will not be fenced, which will enable the herds to be grazed.	Local community members whose livelihoods are based on animal husbandry	Operation	<ul> <li>SEP, continuous consultation, and engagement through the CLOs</li> <li>Resettlement Action Plan</li> <li>Community grievance mechanism</li> <li>Security Management Plan</li> </ul>
Infrastructural Services	The operation of infrastructure facilities (i.e., residents' access to local community infrastructures such as schools and mosques, access to irrigation systems, water resources and agricultural infrastructure) is of great importance for the people living in that region to continue their daily lives. However, local community members and mukhtars of the neighbourhoods did not report any concern related to these potential impacts. Consideration will be given to ensuring that the infrastructure system is operational throughout the construction period.	Local community	Construction	<ul> <li>SEP, continuous consultation, and engagement through the CLOs</li> <li>Community grievance mechanism</li> <li>Correspondence with governmental institutions when necessary (i.e., for water, road, transportation issues)</li> <li>Community Health, Safety and Security Procedure</li> <li>Traffic Management Plan</li> </ul>
Gender	The Project may improve the gender equality through local employment of both women and men residing in the Project affected neighbourhoods.  Land acquisition activities will be conducted with the equity and equality perspective, in which all Local community members are approached withou any discrimination due to their gender and other characteristics.  The potential influx of male workers into neighbourhoods due to the Project construction activities has various impacts on women's daily	1	Construction	<ul> <li>Trainings and Code of Conduct for workers</li> <li>Awareness raising activities for the Project affected neighbourhoods</li> <li>Specific meetings with women in the Project affected neighbourhoods</li> <li>SEP, continuous consultation, and engagement through the CLOs</li> <li>Community grievance mechanism</li> <li>Community Health, Safety and Security Procedure</li> </ul>

Impact Topic	Impact Description	Receptor	Phase of the Project	Mitigation Measures
	lives and livelihood activities, which should be considered when discussing gender and vulnerable groups. Increased congestion and noise are not expected to disrupt women's daily routines, including household chores, childcare responsibilities, and access to community resources.  Throughout the construction activities, genderbased violence and harassment (GBVH) cases	le		Company GBVH Policy
	may occur unless preventive measures are taken.			
Vulnerable Groups	All construction activities will be carried out considering the vulnerabilities of existing groups (i.e., the elderly local community members, local community members with chronic health problems like asthma) to prevent their daily life practices and/or access to certain services (i.e., health facilities in the district) to be affected disproportionately and negatively due to Project impacts.	Local community members who are in a more disadvantaged position	Construction	<ul> <li>Trainings and Code of Conduct for workers</li> <li>SEP, continuous consultation, and engagement through the CLOs</li> <li>Community grievance mechanism</li> <li>Community Health, Safety and Security Procedure</li> </ul>

Source: Draft ESIA Report of the Project

The positive social impacts of the Project will be on local employment creation and local economic contributions through procurement of goods and services specifically during the construction phase. In addition to these, the Project will also improve local infrastructural capacity such as improving the access roads of the neighbourhoods while increasing the domestic production capacity of clean energy on a country basis during the operation phase.

The major adverse impacts of the Project during the construction phase are assessed as land acquisition and expropriation, dust, noise, and traffic. No local community members are expected to face any kind of displacement as a result of urgent expropriation during construction of the turbines. However, the access road design and construction may trigger economic displacement cases. For the development and establishment of a systematic way to compensate, the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) has been prepared.

Since the route and location of the poles and ETLs are not certain, expropriation activities will become clear in later stages of the Project. Therefore, there is no information regarding ETL-based expropriation activities within the scope of this Draft SEP. Further assessments will be made for both the pylon points and the line route once the land acquisition procedures on the parcels to be affected by the ETL construction are finalised. In the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) to be prepared, a framework to ETL construction will be presented and potential entitlements will be revealed.

In addition to the impacts mentioned above, operation phase adverse impacts that are assessed within the ESIA study are related to noise and visual impacts (i.e., shadow flicker, ice and blade throw). During the operation of a wind power plant, one of the visual impacts that can affect nearby residents is shadow flicker. Shadow flicker occurs when the rotating blades of a wind turbine cast shadows that intermittently pass over nearby structures or residences as the sun changes position. The repetitive nature of this flickering effect, particularly during sunrise and sunset, has the potential to cause visual discomfort and annoyance for those living in the proximity of the wind turbines.

Within the scope of the Project, turbine distances to the households have been calculated as being very distant, and it is concluded that visual impact is expected to be only slightly changing the view of the residents. Thus, according to visual impact assessment methodology defined for the Project, visual impacts are found to have negligible/minor impact on the residents/households. To summarize, no residences have been identified in the area of shadow flicker impact.

During the operation phase of a wind power plant, one of the notable risks to community health and safety is associated with ice and blade throw incidents. The rotating blades of wind turbines, often spanning considerable lengths, pose a potential hazard if a malfunction or extreme weather conditions lead to the detachment of a blade. Moreover, in colder climates, the operation of wind turbines introduces an additional risk in the form of ice throw. As the turbine blades rotate, they may accumulate ice during freezing conditions.

Assessments for blade throw risks show that even during more extreme weather conditions resulting in higher wind speed, the maximum throw distance can be expected to be less, and the probability of a blade throw risk is significantly small. In this regard, 16 structures were identified within the setback distances for blade throw risks; additionally, blade loss risks were evaluated for average and maximum wind speed, and it was discovered that there are 13 structures within the average and six structures within the maximum wind speed throw zones. To conclude, the receptor sensitivity of blade throw can be assumed to be medium as the existence of the structures within the risk zones. Considering the low probability and expected small throw distance, the impact regarding blade throw is considered to be negligible for average distance and maximum distance which makes overall impact magnitude minor for both

distances. Hence no physical displacement is in question as no significant blade throw risk is in place.

ESIA ice throw assessment studies of the Project show that there are 16 structures within the ice throw distance being the closest one is 80 m distance to the nearest turbine which makes the impact magnitude major and receptor sensitivity medium. Hence, the overall impact significance can be considered as major.

Mitigating the risks associated with blade and ice throw incidents involves the implementation of advanced technologies and operational controls. Utilizing sensors and monitoring systems enables real-time tracking of ice accumulation on turbine blades, allowing for timely intervention to prevent ice throw. Adjusting operational parameters during icy conditions and employing technologies like de-icing systems contribute to minimizing the risks associated with blade and ice throw incidents. Furthermore, the Community Health and Safety Plan and Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan, which include the necessary protocol for responding to any occurrences, will be followed as part of the mitigating measures.

In addition, to mitigate blade throw risk, periodic inspections and maintenance of wind turbine blades will be carried out to detect potential issues such as cracks, material deterioration, or fatigue. By addressing these concerns proactively, the risk of blade failures can be significantly reduced. The blades will be stopped working if the wind speed is 28 m/s to avoid any blade and ice throw risk.

Local people will be warned during cold weather and extreme windy days to inform about possible risks. Furthermore, warning signs will be placed nearby the turbines to state the risk of ice and blade throw.

# 2 Stakeholder Engagement Requirements

### 2.1 Overview

Continuous, open, and transparent stakeholder engagement is an essential aspect in projects to ensure the project's sustainability, improved quality, and better implementation. The objective of the stakeholder engagement is successfully managing the risks and impacts on communities, people, groups, businesses, and any other interested parties affected by projects. Robust stakeholder identification and stakeholder mapping are the very first and significant steps of an effective stakeholder engagement.

Stakeholder engagement provides a mutual communication line between the Project Company and the Project stakeholders, which will continue throughout the Project lifecycle including preconstruction, construction, and operation phases. Different phases of the Project can necessitate varying engagement and consultation activities. The Project Company is responsible for establishing a platform that enables continuous communication and consultation with all Project stakeholders.

As the international standards and requirements (particularly IFC PS1, PS2, and PS5, EBRD PR10, EP IV Principles 5 and 6, and DFC ESPPs 3 and 5) necessitate, stakeholder consultation and engagement involve the following aspects:

- Identification and analysis of all potentially affected individuals, groups, communities, organizations, vulnerable/disadvantaged individuals, and groups that will be considered as stakeholders,
- Planning the steps for the way stakeholder engagement, information disclosure and meaningful consultation with stakeholders will be held,
- Identification of the issues that remain as a risk or adverse impact for the Project or the stakeholders,
- Formation of a good understanding of the Project for stakeholders,
- Addressing a grievance mechanism, which is free of manipulation, coercion and intimidation for long-term communication between the Project and the stakeholders,
- Responding to grievances in a timely manner through the grievance mechanism, and
- Regularly informing the stakeholders about the Project.

To ensure that stakeholder engagement processes are successful and effective, stakeholder engagement should be initiated earlier in the projects. In line with the IFC PS1, PS2, and PS5, EBRD PR10, EP IV Principles 5 and 6, and DFC ESPPs 3 and 5, stakeholder engagement has started during the National EIA process of the Project through engagement with the key project stakeholders. Please see Section 4.2 for past stakeholder engagement activities. Stakeholder engagement will continue throughout the Project lifecycle.

### 2.2 Applicable Guidelines and Standards

This SEP has been prepared in compliance with the national legislation and international standards and requirements (particularly IFC PS1, PS2, and PS5, EBRD PR10, EP IV Principles 5 and 6, and DFC ESPPs 3 and 5), which are explained in detail in the following sections.

### 2.2.1 National Requirements

The Turkish EIA Regulation (OG Date/Number: 29.07.2022/31907) includes a number of requirements regarding information disclosure and stakeholder participation.

During the scoping phase of the projects, stakeholder engagement within the scope of the National EIA process starts with the establishment of a commission that involves representatives from related governmental bodies and that is responsible for review and assessment of the project.

Establishment of the commission is followed by the public participation meeting. Organizing a public participation meeting is legally obligatory as per the regulation. The aim of the public participation meeting is to ensure that the public and interested parties in the project (i.e., Local community members, governmental bodies, non-governmental organizations) are informed about the project and have an opportunity to raise their opinions, suggestions and/or concerns regarding the project. It is crucial that the Local community members who are assessed to be most affected by the project are enabled to participate in this meeting. Therefore, organizing the meeting that is accessible to the Local community members to the most possible extent is also underlined within the regulation.

The issues reported by the participants of the meeting are documented in the official meeting minutes to be considered and addressed in the EIA document. In addition, the institutions authorized by the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change (MoEUCC) prepare a SEP in order to inform the public about the project and its impacts, and to facilitate receiving the opinions and suggestions of the public regarding the project. However, this regulation is effective as of July 2022 and the public participation meeting of the project subject to the EIA process was held in December 2021. Therefore, it is exempt from the requirement to prepare a SEP within the scope of the EIA process.

Once the EIA document is submitted to the MoEUCC for review, the MoEUCC and the related provincial directorates announce to the public that the review process of the established commission has started, and the draft EIA document is also open to public review and comments for 30 days. Appropriate communication channels (i.e., newspapers, noticeboards, and the Internet) are used for the announcement.

Following the review of the commission and the public, the final draft of the EIA document is disclosed by the MoEUCC and the related provincial directorates for 10 days through announcement boards and the Internet. By considering the evaluations of the committee and public views, the MoEUCC gives the "EIA Positive" or "EIA Negative" decision regarding the project. EIA reports that receive a "EIA negative" decision are obliged to be re-disclosed to public review and relevant stakeholders (same methods as explained above). No additional public participation meeting is required.

At the final stage, the decision of the MoEUCC is also disclosed to the Project stakeholders by using appropriate means of communication.

National legislation related to consultation, information disclosure, stakeholder engagement and grievance mechanism also includes Law on Right to Information (No. 4982), Law on Preservation of Personal Data (No. 6698), Law on Use of the Right to Petition (No. 3071), and Regulation on the Principles and Procedures for the Enforcement of the Law on the Right to Information, which are described below:

### Law on the Right to Information (No. 4982)

Law on the Right to Information regulates the procedure and the basis of the right to information according to the principles of equality, impartiality and openness that are the necessities of a democratic and transparent government.

### Law on Preservation of Personal Data (No. 6698)

The purpose of this Law is to protect the fundamental rights and freedoms of individuals, especially the privacy of private life, in the processing of personal data and to regulate the obligations of real and legal persons processing personal data and the procedures and principles to be followed.

### The Law on Use of the Right to Petition (No. 3071)

Citizens of the Turkish Republic are entitled to apply Turkish Grand National Assembly and the public authorities by written petition, in respect to their requests and complaints, in accordance with the Article 3 of the Law on Use of the Right to Petition (Official Gazette dated 01.11.1984 and numbered 3071). Foreigners residing in Türkiye are also entitled to enjoy this right on the condition of reciprocity and using Turkish language in their petitions.

### 2.2.2 International Requirements

The stakeholder engagement and consultation requirements of the Project are assessed and planned by considering the following international standards:

- IFC's Performance Standards on Environmental and Social Sustainability (2012)
  - Performance Standard 1 Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts: PS 1 emphasizes on the importance of: (i) an integrated assessment to identify the environmental and social impacts, risks and opportunities of the Project; (ii) effective community and stakeholder engagement through disclosure of Project-related information and consultation with local communities on matters that directly affect them; and (iii) the Client's management of social and environmental performance throughout the life of the Project through management programs, monitoring, and review.
  - Performance Standard 2 Labour and Working Conditions: In accordance with Performance Standard 2, efforts to promote economic growth by generating employment and income should safeguard the fundamental rights of employees. Employees are a valuable asset to their companies, and a robust relationship between employees and management is essential for the company's sustainability. The client will establish a grievance mechanism for employees (and workers' organisations) to raise workplace concerns. Information about the grievance mechanism will be provided to employees during recruitment, and the mechanism will be easily accessible to them.
  - Performance Standard 5 Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement: Decision-making processes related to resettlement and livelihood restoration should include options and alternatives, where applicable. Disclosure of relevant information and participation of Affected Communities and persons will continue during the planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of compensation payments, livelihood restoration activities, and resettlement to achieve outcomes that are consistent with the objectives of the Performance Standard.
- EBRD's Environmental and Social Policy & Performance Requirements (2019)
  - Performance Requirement 1 Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts: PR 1 emphasizes the significance of integrated assessment of the environmental and social impacts and issues associated with the Project and identify the Project's stakeholders and design a plan for engaging with the stakeholders in a meaningful manner to take their views and concerns into consideration in planning, implementing and operating the Project with reference to the PR10. Mitigation measures defined for the environmental and social impacts will be developed and implemented so that vulnerable people within the scope of the Project are not disproportionately impacted.
  - Performance Requirement 5 Land Acquisition, Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement: During all Project-related land acquisition processes, PR 5 requires

- engaging with the Local community members and communities through meaningful consultation, and disclose relevant information throughout the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of land acquisition, and resettlement process including livelihood improvement. The Client should ensure that all groups, including the vulnerable are informed and made aware of their entitlements, rights, opportunities, and benefits.
- Performance Requirement 10 Information Disclosure and Stakeholder Engagement: PR 10 recognises the significance of a transparent engagement with relevant stakeholders (especially those defined as vulnerable groups within the scope of the Project) and disclose appropriate Project information throughout the lifetime of the Project. Providing an accessible grievance mechanism as a part of the stakeholder engagement is crucial for building strong, constructive, and responsive relationships which are essential for a successful environmental and social impacts management within the Project.
- Equator Principles IV (2020)

vulnerable groups.

- Principle 5 Stakeholder Engagement: Principle 5 recognizes that for all Category A and Category B projects, the EPFI will require the client to demonstrate effective stakeholder engagement, as an ongoing process in a structured and culturally appropriate manner, with affected communities, workers and, where relevant, other stakeholders.
  For projects with potentially significant adverse impacts on affected communities, the principle requires performing an informed consultation and participation process. The client is expected to tailor its consultation process to: (i) the risks and impacts of the project; (ii) the project's phase of development; the language preferences of the affected communities; their decision-making processes; and (iii) the needs of disadvantaged and
- Principle 6 Grievance Mechanism: Principle 6 recognizes that for all Category A and, as appropriate, Category B projects, the EPFI will require the client, as part of the ESMS, to establish effective grievance mechanisms which are designed for use by affected communities and workers, as appropriate, to receive and facilitate resolution of concerns and grievances about the project's environmental and social performance.
- DFC Environmental and Social Policy and Procedures (2020)
  - Environmental and Social Policy and Procedure 3 Environmental and Social Review: It necessitates undertaking meaningful consultation with Project Affected People within the defined area of influence. For all projects, meeting the requirements related to stakeholder engagement, stakeholder analysis and engagement planning, access to information, consultation, reporting to stakeholders and the establishment of a grievance mechanism is obligatory. The form and scope of the consultation should be commensurate with the project risks and the nature and scope of the project.
  - Environmental and Social Policy and Procedure 5 Public Consultation and Disclosure: The objectives are to ensure that Project Affected People are informed and consulted during project preparation and implementation and to enhance transparency and accountability related to DFC's environmental and social management. Projects are required to develop and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan tailored to project risks and impacts in accordance with the requirements of IFC PS1.

### 2.2.3 Applicable Policies and Management Systems of the Project Company

A Project-specific temporary SEP, which has been prepared prior to the ESIA process, is in place since October 2023. According to the content of the temporary SEP, the Project Company has a Corporate SEP that defines the stakeholders, disclosure approach, commitment to meaningful consultation and participation, ongoing reporting to external stakeholders, and grievance management of the Project Company.

The Project Company has also an integrated Quality, Health and Safety, Environment and Energy Management Systems and relevant certifications, which are listed below:

- ISO 9001: 2015 Quality Management System
- ISO 14001: 2015 Environmental Management System
- ISO 45001: 2018 Occupational Health and Safety Management
- ISO 50001: 2018 Energy Management System
- ISO/IEC 27001: 2013 Information Security Management System
- ISO 55001 Asset Management System

Of these management systems, ISO/IEC 27001: 2013 - Information Security Management System Certificate was received on 21 September 2022 and valid until 21 February 2025 whereas the remaining was received on 20 January 2021 and valid until 19 January 2024. In line with these management systems, the Project Company has an Integrated Management Systems Policy. In addition, the Project Company has the following policies and management plans, which are disclosed at the website<sup>6</sup>:

### **Corporate level:**

- Social Responsibility Policy
- Open Door Policy
- Resettlement Framework
- Policy on People and Culture
- GBVH Policy (will be shared on the website when finalised)
- Information Security Management Policy
- Privacy Policy
- Code of Business Ethics
- Code of Compliance

### **Project Specific:**

- Resettlement Action Plan
- Community Health, Safety Plan
- Emergency Response Plan
- Traffic Management Plan
- Security Management Procedure

Apart from the above-mentioned policies and management systems, the Project Company has Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Regulation, Procedure Against Domestic Violence, Corporate Communication Procedure, and Crisis Management Procedure. In addition, the Social Management Procedure, which covers guidelines for land acquisition and compensation process, social impact management, social support for community benefit, facility-based plans and implementation and social management system, is applied at all facilities of the Project Company.

The Project Company is also a Business Council for Sustainable Development Türkiye member since 11 January 2022. Furthermore, the Project Company is a signatory of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) since 02 August 2022 and Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs) since 20 April 2022 as well as member of Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) since 2021.

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<sup>6</sup> https://www.enerjisauretim.com.tr/

# 3 Stakeholder Identification and Analysis

### 3.1 Overview

In line with the definitions of international standards, stakeholders are defined as the individuals or groups who are impacted by a project or possess an interest in its outcome. Project's impact may be positive or negative and can be direct or indirect.

The first step of the stakeholder engagement is to identify the Project stakeholders. The aim of this identification is to determine each stakeholder group and define their relation to the Project. It is important to consider their opinions, perspectives, concerns and needs when undertaking a project to ensure successful outcomes.

### 3.2 Project Stakeholders

Identified stakeholders of the Project are categorized as external stakeholders (including governmental and non-governmental bodies, mukhtars/residents/local communities, vulnerable/ disadvantaged groups, media and universities) and internal stakeholders (all Project staff, including contractors and subcontractors and their employees) which are given in Table 3.1 through Table 3.4 below. All stakeholders are categorized and colour-coded as high (red), medium (yellow) or low (green) depending on their level of interest in the Project as measured by an assessment of the magnitude of stakeholder influence and impact on the Project. In line with each stakeholder's level of interest, disclosure and consultation activities are determined based on certain frequencies for construction and operation phases of the Project. Disclosure and consultation activities to be implemented throughout the lifetime of the Project is outlined in Table 5.1 together with the proposed implementation timetable.

Table 3.1: External Stakeholder List for Governmental Authorities

### **GOVERNMENTAL BODIES**

Level	Organization	Relation to the Project	Level of Interest
	Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources	Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources and its relevant departments have regulatory functions relation to the Project and its components.	High
	Energy Market Regulatory Authority (EPDK)	EPDK is one of the key stakeholders of the Project in relation to the Project scope and components in general.	High
	Turkish Electricity Transmission Company (TEIAS)	TEIAS is a key stakeholder when the ETL of the Project is considered.	High
National	Ministry of National Defence	Ministry of National Defence is a significant stakeholder since securing the Project area is crucial.	Low
	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MoAF)		
	MoAF, General Directorate of Food and Control	MoAF may have specific views about the	
	MoAF, General Directorate of		
	Livestock		
	MoAF, General Directorate of	design, construction and operation activities of	Medium
	Fisheries and Aquaculture	the Project.	
	MoAF, General Directorate of Nature		
	Conservation and National Parks	_	
	MoAF, General Directorate of State		
	Hydraulic Works		

### **GOVERNMENTAL BODIES**

Level	Organization Man Company Disperse of Western	Relation to the Project	Level of Interest
	MoAF, General Directorate of Water Management		
	Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and		
	Climate Change (MoEUCC)		
	MoEUCC, General Directorate of EIA,	-	
	Permit and Audit		
	MoEUCC, General Directorate of		
	Environmental Management	MoEUCC has regulatory functions in relation	
	MoEUCC, General Directorate of	to the Project such as environmental impact assessment permits and environmental	
	Infrastructure and Urban	permitting.	
	Transformation		
	MoEUCC, General Directorate of		
	Spatial Planning  MoELICC Conoral Directorate of	-	
	MoEUCC, General Directorate of Protection of Natural Assets		
	Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure (MoTI)		
	MoTI General Directorate of	- MoTI may have specific views regarding	
	Infrastructure Investments	evaluation of the Project.	Medium
	MoTI General Directorate of Highways	•	
	Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MoLSS)	Mal 00 man have a service of the latest termination of the latest term	
	MoLSS, General Directorate of Labor	MoLSS may have specific views on labour	Low
	MoLSS, General Directorate of	<ul> <li>and working conditions, and health and safety of the Project personnel.</li> </ul>	Low
	Occupational Health and Safety		
	Ministry of Culture and Tourism (MoCT)	_	
	MoCT General Directorate of Cultural	MoCT may have views in terms of legislation.	Low
	Heritage and Museums		
	21 <sup>st</sup> Regional Directorate of DSI (State Hydraulic Works)	This organization may have specific views about water courses running close to the Project area.	Low
Regional	4th Regional Directorate of Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	This organization may have specific views on the potential protected areas close to the Project area and the status of the trees in the Project area.	High
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Regional Directorate of General Directorate of Highways	The organization may provide opinion regarding road crossing within the Project area.	High
	Aydın Regional Council for the Conservation of Cultural Property	This organization is an important stakeholder to identify and clarify the archaeological potential of the Project area.	High
	The Governorship of Aydın	The governorships representing the national	
	The Governorship of Denizli	government are the highest authorities in the provinces.	High
	Aydın Provincial Directorate of Planning and Coordination	These organizations coordinate all kinds of investment and construction works to be	
	Denizli Provincial Directorate of Planning and	carried out by ministries and other central	High
	Coordination	government organizations in the provinces.	
	Aydın Metropolitan Municipality		
	Aydın Metropolitan Municipality,	-	
	Directorate of Environmental Protection		
Provincial	and Control	The municipality and its relevant departments - will have responsibilities in relation to the	High
	Aydın Metropolitan Municipality,	Project.	High
	Directorate of Zoning and City Planning	-	
	Aydın Metropolitan Municipality,		
	Directorate of Transportation		
	Denizli Metropolitan Municipality	-	
	Denizli Metropolitan Municipality, Directorate of Environmental Protection	The metropolitan municipality and its relevant	
	and Control	departments will have responsibilities in	High
	Denizli Metropolitan Municipality,	relation to the Project.	
	Directorate of Zoning and Urbanization		

### **GOVERNMENTAL BODIES**

Level	Organization	Relation to the Project	Level of Interest
	Denizli Metropolitan Municipality,		
	Directorate of Transportation	-	
	Denizli Metropolitan Municipality, Directorate of Culture and Social		
	Works		
	Denizli Metropolitan Municipality,	-	
	Directorate of Civil Works		
	Aydın Governorship Provincial Directorate of Social Security Institution	These organizations may provide specific	
	Denizli Governorship Provincial Directorate of	views on labour and working conditions, and health and safety of facility personnel.	Low
	Social Security Institution  Aydın Governorship Provincial Directorate of		
	Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change	PDoEUCCs of the provinces have regulatory	
	(PDoEUCC)	functions related to the Project such as	
	Denizli Governorship Provincial Directorate of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change (PDoEUCC)	environmental impact assessment permits and environmental permitting.	High
	Aydın Provincial Directorate of Environment and Urbanization	These organizations have regulatory functions in relation to the Project such as	
	Denizli Provincial Directorate of Environment and Urbanization	environmental impact assessment permits and environmental permitting.	High
	Aydın Regional Council for the Conservation of Cultural Property	These organizations are important stakeholders to identify and clarify the	
	Aydın Afrodisias Museum Directorate	archaeological potential of the Project area.	High
	Denizli Museum Directorate	<del>-</del>	
	Aydın Provincial Directorate of Agriculture and Forestry	These organizations may provide provincial- specific and/or site-specific views on the	High
	Denizli Provincial Directorate of Agriculture and Forestry	Project.	nigii
	Aydın Provincial Command of Gendarmerie	These organizations may provide provincial-	Mar Paris
	Denizli Provincial Command of Gendarmerie	specific and/or site-specific views on the Project.	Medium
	Aydın General Directorate of Water and	These organizations may provide an opinion	
	Sewerage Administration (ASKI)  Denizli General Directorate of Water and	ated to water/wastewater infrastructure of	Medium
	Sewerage Administration (DESKI)	the Project area.	
	The District Governorship of Sarayköy, The		
	Municipality of Sarayköy	_	
	Directorate of Zoning and Urbanisation	-	
	Directorate of Civil Works	-	High
	Directorate of Clooping Works	-	
	Directorate of Cleaning Works  Directorate of Municipal Police	-	
	Sarayköy District Directorate of Health	-	Medium
	Sarayköy District Gendarmerie Command	-	Medium
	Sarayköy District Directorate of Agriculture and	The Project area is located in Sarayköy	
	Forestry	(Denizli), Karacasu (Aydın) and Babadağ	High
	The District Governorship of Karacasu, The Municipality of Karacasu	(Denizli) districts and the local governorship, the central municipality and their related departments are stakeholders regarding	
	Directorate of Zoning and Urbanisation	obtaining relevant permits, approvals during	
	Directorate of Civil Works	planning, and construction and operation	High
	Directorate of Plan and Project	phases of the Project.	
	Directorate of Cleaning Works	_	
	Directorate of Municipal Police		
	Karacasu District Directorate of Health	-	Medium
	Karacasu District Gendarmerie Command	- -	Medium
	Karacasu District Directorate of Agriculture and Forestry		High
	The District Governorship of Babadağ, The Municipality of Babadağ		High

### **GOVERNMENTAL BODIES**

Level	Organization	Relation to the Project	Level of Interest
	Directorate of Civil Works		
	Directorate of Municipal Police	_	
	Babadağ District Gendarmerie Command	_	Medium
	Babadağ District Directorate of Agriculture and Forestry	_	High

Table 3.2: External Stakeholder List for Non-Governmental Bodies

### **NON-GOVERNMENTAL BODIES**

Level	Organization	Relation to the Project	Level of Interest
National, Provincial and District	Turkish Wind Energy Association Türkiye Foundation for Combating Erosion, Afforestation and Protection of Natural Assets (TEMA) Environmental Protection and Research Foundation (ÇEV-KOR) Turkish Environmental Protection Foundation (TUÇEV) Turkish Environmental Protection Foundation (TUÇEV) Turkish Nature Conservation Association Foundation for the Protection and Promotion of Environmental and Cultural Values (ÇEKÜL) World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Türkiye Bird Life International Türkiye Partner- Doğa Association The Nature Conservation Centre Resource, Environment and Climate Association (REC) Ecological Research Society (EKAD) Greenpeace Akdeniz Türkiye Association for Sustainable Economics and Finance Research (SEFiA) Elderly Rights Association Elderly Policy Association Elderly Policy Association Aydın Chamber of Agriculture Aydın Chamber of Agriculture Kuşadası Ecosystem Protection and Nature Lovers Association Karacasu Aphrodisias Potters Production and Marketing Co-Operative Karacusu Agricultural Credit Cooperative Denizli Chamber of Tradesmen and Craftsmen Denizli Chamber of Agriculture  Denizli Chamber of Agriculture  Denizli Humanitarian Aid Association	These foundations, associations, and chambers may provide their specific views related to the Project	High

### **Table 3.3: Other External Stakeholder Groups**

### **STAKEHOLDER GROUPS**

Level	Group	Relation to the Project	Level of Interest
Mukhtars/Residents/Local Communities	The mukhtars and residents at Karacaören, Ataköy, Hisar, Yeşilyurt and Kıranyer neighbourhoods Local Businesses and Enterprises (Local shops, beekeepers, income-generating agricultural lands)	<ul> <li>Neighbourhoods are key stakeholders considering potential impacts of the Project.</li> </ul>	High
	Structure owners whose structures are within the turbine setback area of the Project	_	

### **STAKEHOLDER GROUPS**

Level	Group	Relation to the Project	Level of Interest
	Local communities including PAPs subject to direct land acquisition		
	Women	_	High
	The landless/homeless people	Vulnerable groups are key stakeholders considering potential impacts of the Project.	
Vulnerable/ Disadvantaged	The elderly		
Groups	People with disabilities		
	Unemployed people		
	Seasonal workers	_	
	Local, regional, and social media (including but not limited to the following newspapers, TV stations, social media channels):		
	Ege News		
	<ul> <li>Son Mühür Newspaper</li> </ul>		
	Aydın Voice Newspaper	It is important to engage with local	Medium
Media	<ul> <li>Manşet Aydın Newspaper</li> </ul>	and regional media organizations for effective public disclosure and	
	İz Newspaper	consultation.	
	Aydın TV	oonounation.	
	Denizli News		
	Denizli 24 News		
	Pamukkale Newspaper		
	• DRT TV		
Habanatta	Aydın Adnan Menderes University	Universities are one of the key  stakeholders when research	Ma Para
Universities	Pamukkale University	needs to be conducted within the scope of the Project.	Medium
	Karacasu District State Hospital	_	
	Sarayköy District State Hospital	_	
	Sarayköy Police Headquarters	_	Medium
	Saraykoy Vocational School	— It is apportial to appoint that the	
	Aksaz Primary School	<ul><li>It is essential to ensure that the</li><li>social environments that pose a</li></ul>	
	Saraykoy Hacı İrfan Mersin Middle School	significant place for community	
Other potentially affected		health, safety and security issues	
local social institutes	Ataköy Primary School	<ul><li>(i.e., hospitals, fire stations) and/or</li><li>where key stakeholders utilize/</li></ul>	
	Saraykoy Family Health Center	spend their time are operating properly at every stage of the Project.	
	Karacaören Primary School		
	Sarayköy Firestation		
	Mosques	_	
	Local Coffeeshops	_	
	Fire Watchtowers near the Project affected neighbourhoods		

### **Table 3.4: Internal Stakeholder List**

### **INTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS**

Level	Organization	Relation to the Project	Level of Interest
Internal Stakeholders	Project staff	These groups are one of the key stakeholders in terms of continuation of the Project activities in compliance with the international standards.	High

### **INTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS**

Level	Organization	Relation to the Project	Level of Interest
	Contractors and subcontractors and their employees		
	Suppliers and their workers	_	

# 4 ESIA Consultation Activities and Outcomes

### 4.1 Overview

International standards emphasize that stakeholder engagement and consultation is one of the key components of the ESIA process to reach and inform as many stakeholders as possible, especially those in the Project area of influence through the stakeholder engagement activities.

In this regard, the objectives of the Project's stakeholder engagement and consultation process include ensuring that identified stakeholders are appropriately informed and consulted on issues that could potentially affect them and maintaining a constructive relationship with stakeholders on an ongoing basis throughout the lifecycle of the Project.

### 4.2 Previously Carried out E&S (Environmental and Social) Activities

### **Correspondence / Opinion Letters**

The names of the authorities, which were communicated for their opinions on the Project during the National EIA process, are shared below:

- Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change,
  - General Directorate of the Protection of Natural Assets
- Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
  - General Directorate of Agricultural Research and Policies
- Ministry of Culture and Tourism
  - General Directorate of Cultural Assets and Museums
- General Directorate of Highways 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Directorate
- Energy Market Regulatory Authority
- Aydın Governorship Directorate of Investment Monitoring and Coordination
- Aydın Governorship Provincial Agriculture and Forestry Directorate
- Denizli Governorship Provincial Agriculture and Forestry Directorate
- Aydın Governorship Provincial Disaster and Emergency Directorate
- Denizli Governorship Provincial Disaster and Emergency Directorate
- Sarayköy Municipality, Directorate of Zoning and Urbanization
- Karacasu Municipality, Directorate of Zoning and Urbanization
- Karacasu Municipality, Directorate of Cleaning Affairs
- Babadağ Municipality

According to the received opinion letters, a number of important concerns are noted as described below.

• Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, General Directorate of Mining and Petroleum Affairs, Special Areas and Map Department has emphasized that, the examination of the Project area has concluded with a favourable evaluation of the Project. As a result, the Project has been registered in the Authority's system as "Hacıhıdırlar WPP Special Permit Area" under number ER: 3419240, as identified within the provided coordinates. Therefore, it was noted that there is no objection from the Authority to the finalization of the Project. In addition, it was stated that, Project area intersect with geothermal resources and mineral

- water exploration license area under number ER:3388859, for this reason Project company should be obtain relevant Governorship opinion.
- General Directorate of Highways 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Directorate approval has been granted provided that Project area does not intersect with the routes within the responsibility of the Authority. In addition, within the scope of the Project activities, it was specified in the Authority's internal directive that "the minimum distances that wind energy power plants should have to the highway boundary line are as follows: on highways ... B: 1.5 \* (H+L); on State and Provincial Roads ... B: 1.25 \* (H+L), B: distance (m), H: tower height (m), L: blade length (m)." It was emphasized that these minimum distances should be adhered to, transportation within the Project should be carried out in accordance with the 2918 Road Traffic Law, and the permits specified in the legislation should be obtained in advance for such transportation. It was also required that no new connections to the roads should be established, except for the existing connections within the Project area. Furthermore, if a connection is to be made from the Project area to a public road, it is necessary to apply to the Authority with detailed projects, taking into account the provisions of the 2918 Road Traffic Law and the regulations issued in connection with it.
- Denizli Metropolitan Municipality, Directorate of Zoning and Urbanization was notified that the turbine locations and the central area of the power plant were situated in areas designated partly as agricultural land, forest land and key biodiversity area in the 1/25,000scale master zoning plan prepared by the Municipality. It was also reported that the corresponding scale plans were not available. If there is a need to obtain a detailed zoning plan for the master zoning plan, it was required to pay the fee specified in the 2022 fiscal year fee schedule to the relevant department.
- Aydın Metropolitan Municipality Directorate of Environmental Protection and Control has reported that in accordance with the Environmental Law No. 2872, all necessary precautions must be taken for all kinds of liquid wastes, gaseous wastes, dust emissions, noise, excavation wastes, solid wastes and all other hazardous and non-hazardous wastes, and ground and surface waters must not be damaged. Furthermore, in the examination carried out by the Earthquake Risk Management and Urban Improvement Department; there is a risk of landslides in the Project Area due to the characteristics of the land, therefore necessary precautions must be taken. In the examination carried out by the Real Estate and Expropriation Department, it was determined that there will no actual intervention or destruction in the cemetery properties registered in Karacasu District, Ataköy Neighbourhood, 177 island 16 and 17 parcel numbers belonging to Aydın Metropolitan Municipality and if any cemetery is found in the project area, necessary permissions must be obtained from the Municipality. In addition, T5 and T6 turbines are located 670 m away from Karacaören Neighbourhood and the T9 turbine is located 273 m away from Ataköy Neighbourhood that's the flora located the around of these neighbourhood must not damaged and should be protected.

In conclusion, various authorities have raised concerns about different aspects of the proposed Project. These concerns include safety, environmental impact, and compliance with legislation. The authorities have outlined specific requirements and recommendations for the Project's development. The official correspondences conducted within the scope of environmental and social studies were provided in the final National EIA Report.

Project affected neighbourhoods were visited by the social consultancy company appointed by the Project Company in June, July and August 2021 on a regular basis. The participatory field study was designed to exchange information on the phases and timeline of the Project, and to gain an understanding of the socioeconomic conditions and the main sources of income within the neighbourhoods around the Project area, potential impacts and whether there were any concerns or grievances about the Project by the local community members.

The Social Impact Assessment and Field Reports prepared in 2022 by the Adam Smith Consultancy were provided to the Consultant for review. Accordingly, some of the neighbourhoods included in the Project's social AoI were visited. Following these visits, the Consultant carried out a field visit in December 2023 with the aim of identifying and updating the changes in the social baseline structure in the neighbourhoods over the past two years and in parallel to this, to determine the demands/grievances that may come from the stakeholders. In addition to this, the Consultant conducted a RAP study in February 2024 for the Project to identify the procedures for the resettlement process and the steps the Project Company will take to mitigate adverse impacts, compensate for losses and provide development benefits to affected people and communities.

In brief, stakeholder engagement activities primarily focused on gaining approval from local stakeholders for the Project, whereas the Consultant's work cantered around assessing the Project's social impacts, including aspects like land acquisition and the Project's impact on the local economy. The Consultant also proposed measures to mitigate any adverse impacts.

Within the scope of the National EIA studies, social impact assessment studies were conducted as well. The public participation meetings were carried out in Aydın and Denizli provinces. Public participation meetings were planned on 17 December 2021 in Aydın, Karacasu District, Işıklar Neighbourhood and on 17 December 2021 in Denizli, Babadağ District, Kıranyer Neighbourhood. These meetings aimed to engage with the public, provide information about the Project, and gather their feedback regarding the Project. However, as specified in the temporary SEP, both meetings could not be held due to the intense reaction of the local people and the Aydın Environment and Culture Platform (AYCEP).

### 4.3 Stakeholder Engagement Activities during ESIA

Mott MacDonald Social Team conducted a site visit on 08 December 2023 within the scope of the ESIA study of the Project. Out of the five Project-affected neighbourhoods, only one was visited by the Consultant as a part of the site visit conducted in December 2023. This limitation in the site visit can be attributed to various factors such as time constraints and logistical challenges. However, despite this limitation, the potential information gaps were effectively addressed through various strategies. Primarily, the Consultant relied on extrapolation of interview results to gain a broader understanding of the overall situation since the neighbourhoods in the scope of the Project have similar baseline characteristics. Additionally, secondary data sources were extensively utilized to supplement the information obtained onsite. These sources included reports, studies, and statistical data that provided a holistic perspective on the broader context. Some of the statistical data was available at district level and these were obtained from the governmental institutions' websites and Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat) database; they do not cover certain issues on social environment such as gender aspect, vulnerable groups, workforce distribution, and unemployment rates. Similarly, the statistical data at neighbourhood level either remain as limited for some indicators (i.e., gender) or are based on estimated/approximate numbers (i.e., educational level, vulnerable groups, workforce distribution, unemployment rates) since majority of these data were gathered through the verbal statements of the mukhtars or representatives of the governmental authorities rather than the officially registered data.

Through the combined approach of extrapolation from interviews and the use of secondary data, the potential information gaps resulting from limited site visits were effectively mitigated. This ensured that the findings and conclusions derived from the assessment were as comprehensive and accurate as possible.

The aim of the site visit included collecting baseline data about the Project affected neighbourhoods understanding the Project-related concerns and expectations of the local community members, reflecting the views of key stakeholders, and identifying vulnerable

groups. In line with these aims, mukhtars and local residents were consulted during the site visit in order to identify local community members and other Project stakeholders, understand their perceptions about the Project, address any concerns they may have about the Project, and identify the Project impacts. The difficulty in conducting interviews with some stakeholder groups affected by the Project (e.g., vulnerable groups, NGOs) due to time constraints and logistical challenges remained as a limitation of the consultation study. The external stakeholders interviewed during the field studies are listed below:

- Babadağ District Agriculture and Forestry Director (Denizli)
- Mukhtar and residents of Kıranyer neighbourhood (Denizli)

The main findings of these consultations are summarized below:

- The residents were partially informed about the details of the Project and the procedures to be carried out related to the land expropriation.
- It was stated by the residents that especially the noise coming from the WPPs scares the
  animals. In addition, it is stated that the traffic density and dust formation will also cause
  community disturbance. Local community members expressed their reservations on these
  issues.
- While Babadağ District Directorate of Agriculture and Forestry has not developed any
  specific projects in the Project affected neighbourhoods, there is an expectation by the
  Director regarding the diesel, fertiliser, and credit support from the governmental bodies to
  the local community members of the region who are interested in agriculture (including olive
  cultivation).
- During the site visit, it was not possible to reach out all directly affected local community
  members. However, this limitation is filled with the studies carried out within the scope of
  RAP site visits in February 2024. In addition to this, the stakeholders consulted in general
  had limited knowledge on the applicability of international standards with relation to land
  acquisition. There are concerns about thyme collection activities in the region due to the
  deteriorating product quality since the WPPs came into operation. Even though the flora is
  declared intact, local people have observed changes.
- With all these concerns, the local community expects measures to be taken in general regarding community health and safety issues such as flora, traffic, dust and noise.
- As reported by the consulted stakeholders, the local community members had previously objected to the Project and prevented holding a public participation meeting.

The above-mentioned issues have been taken into consideration and elaborated in the relevant sub-sections of the *Chapter 13: Social Environment* within the ESIA Report of the Project.

### 4.4 ESIA Public Disclosure and Consultation

A disclosure package of the Project that includes the Final Draft ESIA Report together with the SEP, Non-Technical Summary (NTS)<sup>7</sup>, Resettlement Framework (RF), Framework Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP), and stand-alone Critical Habitat Assessment (CHA) (both in English and Turkish) will be disclosed to the public through the Project Company's website. The objective is to enable the Project stakeholders to review the results of the ESIA study as well as to gather their comments and questions on the outcomes. The duration of the disclosure period has been determined to be 60 days for the Project.

During the disclosure period, the findings of the ESIA studies, potential impacts of the Project and mitigation measures to be applied will be shared in a public participation meeting which is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Summaries of the Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA) and Human Rights Impact Assessment (HRIA) that are conducted within the scope of the Project will be covered as part of NTS.

planned to be held within the scope of the stakeholder engagement activities of the Project's ESIA process. This meeting may be held more than once depending on the accessibility of the meeting location and the size of the meeting area. Resettlement specific disclosure and consultation steps are given in RAP. During the resettlement specific disclosure and consultation meetings, Project-specific RAP will be disclosed to the PAPs directly affected by the Project.

The public participation meeting will be announced by soft copy invitations via e-mails, hard copy invitations via correspondence and mails, and press release by local newspapers and media agencies. The invitation will include a Project Information Document (PID) that involves brief information about the ongoing ESIA process as well as communication channels that the Project stakeholders can report their opinions and comments about the Project.

When selecting the meeting location, a nearby neighbourhood that is easily accessible to all stakeholders (especially those living in the Project's area of influence) will be selected and, where necessary, transport will be provided to enable individuals who are living in the other neighbourhoods and desires to participate in the meeting.

PAPs will be provided opportunities to interact with the Project Team on matters related to environmental and social aspects of the Project and provide inputs. The meeting minutes, which will include the stakeholders' questions and comments, will be kept in a written formal document. In addition to the verbal statements during face-to-face meetings/visits, stakeholders also may comment to the ESIA via phone calls to the Project Company/CLOs, and e-mails to the Project Company.

The documents in the disclosure package will be revised and finalized in line with the feedback from the Project stakeholders. Finalized disclosure package will also be published on the Project Company's website.

# 5 Stakeholder Engagement Programme and Disclosure Process

#### 5.1 Overview

Stakeholder engagement is an ongoing component of the Project that needs to continue throughout the pre-construction, construction and operation phases. The stakeholder engagement activities conducted so far during the pre-construction phase have followed a local community member-centred and structured framework in line with the international requirements. The same approach will continue to be applied on site throughout the Project lifecycle.

The stakeholder engagement programme given in this section of the SEP summarizes key planned stakeholder engagement and consultation activities during the construction and operation phases. The programme will be reviewed on an annual basis during construction and on as-needed basis during operation in order to ensure that it remains valid and meets the needs of the Project.

The Project will follow a gender-sensitive approach, which is also reflected to the SEP and its content on the consultation activities. Gender aspect will be considered in the implementation of the SEP through a gender inclusive and participatory point of view. In parallel with this principle, a female CLO has been employed for the Project in order to undertake discussions with women in a more effective way during the lifetime of the Project. Please see Section 6.5 for contact details of the CLOs.

### 5.2 Community Liaison Officer (CLO)

The main point of contact for the Project stakeholders will be the Community Liaison Officers (CLOs). Two CLOs (a male and a female) have been employed within the scope of the Project, whose contact details are provided in Section 6.5. Accordingly, disclosure, consultation and engagement activities of the Project will also be managed by the CLOs on the basis of the stakeholder engagement and consultation program defined in Table 5.1 below. The CLOs will also be responsible for registering the stakeholder engagement and consultation activities into the Project-specific consultation log. The consultation form and consultation log utilized for the Project are provided in Appendices Section 9.1 and 9.2, respectively.

The Project Company will be involved in the stakeholder engagement and consultation activities when necessary.

### 5.3 Stakeholder Engagement and Consultation Program

The proposed implementation timetable and responsibilities for stakeholder engagement throughout the lifetime of the Project is outlined in Table 5.1 below.

### Table 5.1: Stakeholder Engagement and Consultation Program Throughout the Lifetime of the Project

No	Stakeholders	Issues to be consulted/discussed	Communication methods	Phase and frequency	Responsible		
Local	Communities						
	Residents in the Project Affected Neighbourhoods (Karacaören, Ataköy, Hisar, Yeşilyurt and Kıranyer)	<ul> <li>Provide information about the Project's development stages, potential impacts, communication channels with stakeholders, and grievance mechanism of the Project, provisions to prevent the risks of GBVH</li> <li>Outline the mitigation measures identified in the ESIA report and ESMP</li> <li>Inform about the local employment and procurement</li> <li>Inform about the Resettlement Action Plan and compensation procedure</li> <li>Inform about the Project activities involving community health and safety risks (blasting,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Face-to-face consultation meetings / participatory &amp; dialogue based approach.</li> <li>Regular visits</li> <li>Disclosure of ESIA report together with its NTS (which also covers the summaries of</li> </ul>				
1	Local communities including PAPs subject to direct land acquisition		CCRA and HRIA), SEP, PID/brochure and other Project related documents including RF, CHA  Disclosure of the Project- specific RAP to the PAPs directly affected by the Project Website announcements  Social media announcements	<ul> <li>At least monthly (and when needed) during construction</li> <li>Quarterly during operation</li> <li>3 days prior to risky</li> </ul>	<ul><li>CLOs</li><li>Project Company</li></ul>		
	Structure owners whose structures are within the turbine setback area of the Project			construction activity			
	Local Businesses and Enterprises (Local shops, beekeepers, income-generating agricultural lands)	transportation of heavy equipment, etc.)	<ul> <li>Announcements through posters/ billboards/ press release</li> </ul>				
2	Mukhtars of the Project Affected Neighbourhoods (Karacaören, Ataköy, Hisar, Yeşilyurt and Kıranyer)	<ul> <li>Provide information about the Project's development stages, potential impacts, communication channels with stakeholders, and grievance mechanism of the Project, provisions to prevent the risks of GBVH</li> <li>Outline the mitigation measures identified in the ESIA report</li> <li>Inform about the local employment and procurement</li> <li>Inform about the Project activities involving community health and safety risks (blasting, transportation of heavy equipment, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Face-to-face consultation meetings</li> <li>Regular visits</li> <li>Disclosure of ESIA report together with its NTS (which also covers the summaries of CCRA and HRIA), SEP, PID/brochure and other Project related documents including RF, CHA</li> <li>Disclosure of the Project-specific RAP to the PAPs directly affected by the Project</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>At least monthly (and when needed) during construction</li> <li>Quarterly during operation</li> <li>3 days prior to risky construction activity</li> </ul>	<ul><li>CLOs</li><li>Project Company</li></ul>		

No	Stakeholders	Issues to be consulted/discussed	Communication methods	Phase and frequency	Responsible	
			Website announcements     Social media announcements     Announcements through posters/ billboards/ press release     Face-to-face consultation			
3	Vulnerable Groups (Women, the landless/homeless people, the elderly, students, people with disabilities, unemployed people, seasonal workers)	<ul> <li>Provide information about the Project's development stages, potential impacts, communication channels with stakeholders, informing about grievance mechanism of the Project, provisions to prevent the risks of GBVH</li> <li>Specific interest to receive their grievances (if there are any) since they may not be able to use the grievance channels</li> <li>Outline the mitigation measures identified in the ESIA report</li> <li>Inform about the local employment and procurement</li> <li>Inform about the Project activities involving community health and safety risks (blasting, transportation of heavy equipment, etc.)</li> </ul>	meetings  Regular visits  Disclosure of ESIA report together with its NTS (which also covers the summaries of CCRA and HRIA), SEP, PID/brochure and other Project related documents including RF, CHA  Disclosure of the Project-specific RAP to the PAPs directly affected by the Project Website announcements  Social media announcements  Announcements through posters/ billboards/ press release  Specific meetings held with women groups and other particular vulnerable groups	<ul> <li>Bi-monthly during construction</li> <li>Semi-annually during operation</li> <li>3 days prior to risky construction activity</li> </ul>	<ul><li>CLOs</li><li>Project Company</li></ul>	

No	Stakeholders	Issues to be consulted/discussed	Communication methods	Phase and frequency	Responsible		
4	Provide information about the Project's development stages, potential impacts, communication channels with stakehold grievance mechanism of the Project, protoprevent the risks of GBVH  Outline the mitigation measures identified ESIA report  Inform about the local employment and procurement  Inform about the Project activities involved community health and safety risks (blass transportation of heavy equipment, etc.)		<ul> <li>Face-to-face consultation meetings</li> <li>Regular visits</li> <li>Disclosure of ESIA report together with its NTS (which also covers the summaries of CCRA and HRIA), SEP, PID/brochure and other Project related documents including RF, CHA</li> <li>Website announcements</li> <li>Social media announcements</li> <li>Announcements through posters/ billboards/ press release</li> <li>Specific meetings held with children (student) groups</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Bi- monthly (and when needed) during construction</li> <li>Quarterly during operation</li> <li>3 days prior to risky construction activity</li> </ul>	<ul><li>CLOs</li><li>Project Company</li></ul>		
Gove	rnmental Bodies						
5	Governmental bodies and stakeholders at national level	<ul> <li>Conduct consultation on Project stages</li> <li>Provide information on potential impacts of the Project as well as on the grievance mechanism of the Project</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Face-to-face consultation meetings</li> <li>Regular visits</li> <li>Disclosure of ESIA report together with its NTS (which also covers the summaries of CCRA and HRIA), SEP, PID/brochure and other Project related documents including RF, CHA</li> <li>Correspondence</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Annually during construction</li><li>When needed during operation</li></ul>	<ul><li>CLOs</li><li>Project Company</li></ul>		

No	Stakeholders	Issues to be consulted/discussed	Communication methods	Phase and frequency	Responsible		
6	Governmental bodies and stakeholders at provincial and district level	<ul> <li>Conduct meetings and correspondence for Project permits, consultation on the Project stages</li> <li>Provide information on environmental and socia impacts of the Project, mitigation measures defined in the ESIA report, Project grievance mechanism</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Face-to-face consultation meetings</li> <li>Regular visits</li> <li>Disclosure of ESIA report together with its NTS (which also covers the summaries of CCRA and HRIA), SEP, PID/brochure and other Project related documents including RF, CHA</li> <li>Correspondence</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Every six months during construction</li> <li>Annually during operation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Project Company</li> </ul>		
7	District Municipalities	<ul> <li>Conduct meetings and correspondence for Project permits, consultation on the Project stages</li> <li>Provide information on environmental and social impacts of the Project, mitigation measures defined in the ESIA report, Project grievance mechanism</li> <li>Organized meetings for grievances reported to the municipal units and receiving opinions and recommendations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Face-to-face consultation meetings</li> <li>Regular visits</li> <li>Disclosure of ESIA report together with its NTS, SEP, PID/brochure and other Project related documents including RF, CHA</li> <li>Correspondence</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Every six months during construction</li> <li>Annually during operation</li> </ul>	<ul><li>CLOs</li><li>Project Company</li></ul>		
Unive	ersities						
8	Conduct consultation on Project stages     Organize meetings about the research needs to be conducted within the scope of the Project.     Provide information possible impacts of the Project, information on the grievance mechanism of the Project		<ul> <li>Face-to-face consultation meetings</li> <li>Regular visits</li> <li>Disclosure of ESIA report together with its NTS (which also covers the summaries of CCRA and HRIA), SEP, PID/brochure and other Project related documents including RF, CHA</li> <li>Website announcements</li> <li>Correspondence</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>When needed during construction and operation</li> </ul>	<ul><li>CLOs</li><li>Project Company</li></ul>		

No	Stakeholders	Issues to be consulted/discussed	Communication methods	Phase and frequency	Responsible	
NGOs	<b>.</b>					
9	NGOs	<ul> <li>Provide information about the Project's development stages, potential impacts, communication channels with stakeholders, and grievance mechanism of the Project</li> <li>Outline the mitigation measures identified in the ESIA report</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Face-to-face consultation meetings</li> <li>Regular visits</li> <li>Disclosure of ESIA report together with its NTS (which also covers the summaries of CCRA and HRIA), SEP, PID/brochure and other Project related documents including RF, CHA</li> <li>Website announcements</li> <li>Social media announcements</li> <li>Announcements through posters/ billboards/ press release</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>When needed during construction and operation</li> </ul>	<ul><li>CLOs</li><li>Project Company</li></ul>	
Media	ı					
10	Media	<ul> <li>Provide information about the Project's development stages, potential impacts, communication channels with stakeholders, and grievance mechanism of the Project</li> <li>Outline the mitigation measures identified in the ESIA report</li> <li>Engage with local and regional media organizations for effective public disclosure and consultation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Face-to-face consultation meetings</li> <li>Regular visits</li> <li>Disclosure of ESIA report together with its NTS (which also covers the summaries of CCRA and HRIA), SEP, PID/brochure and other Project related documents including RF, CHA</li> <li>Website announcements</li> <li>Social media announcements</li> <li>Announcements through posters/ billboards/ press release</li> </ul>	When needed during construction and operation	<ul><li>CLOs</li><li>Project Company</li></ul>	

No	Stakeholders Issues to be consulted/discussed		Communication methods	Phase and frequency	Responsible		
Intern	al Stakeholders						
11	Project Staff  Contractors and subcontractors and their employees	<ul> <li>Provide information about the Project updates and changes in operations with regard to labour rights, information on contracts, code of conduct, including provisions for GBVH</li> <li>Disclose the grievance mechanism of the Project</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Trainings</li> <li>Face-to-face consultation meetings</li> <li>Disclosure of ESIA report, SEP PID/brochure and other Project related documents</li> <li>Announcements through posters/ billboards/ press release</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Project Company and relevant departments (i.e., Human Resources Department)</li> </ul>		
	Suppliers and their workers		Announcements on the Project area				

### 6 Project Grievance Mechanism

#### 6.1 Overview

The Project Company is required to establish an effective and accessible grievance mechanism as a part of the stakeholder engagement, information disclosure and consultation. The aim of the grievance mechanism is to provide channels that are free of manipulation, coercion and intimidation in which Local community members can report their requests, concerns and grievances regarding the Project and its impacts. Responding to grievances and resolving them in a timely, proactively, unbiased, effective, and efficient manner is essential according to the international standards and requirements on stakeholder engagement. Specifically, it provides a transparent and credible process for fair and sustainable outcomes. By this way, trust and cooperation could be mutually developed among the Project stakeholders and the Project Company through corrective actions. Main components of a successful grievance mechanism also include anonymity, confidentiality, and transparency principles.

According to the temporary SEP that has been in place since October 2023, the Project Company has a grievance mechanism for the Project stakeholders. There is a grievance register form used for registration of the grievance. The form is saved within the eBA software system of the Project Company, which is used for documentation and workflow management. Samples of the grievance register, and closure forms are presented in Appendices Section 9.3 and 9.4, respectively.

Grievance register form includes the signature of the applicant for the grievances received through meetings and visits. However, receiving the signature of the applicant is not applicable within the scope of the international standards on stakeholder engagement and grievance mechanism management. Also, the part in the form that requires information about the applicant shall be left blank in the cases where the applicant would like to raise grievance anonymously. The gender part is included in the form to categorize the grievances by gender of the applicants and take gender-sensitive measures in times of necessity. The grievance register form is revised in accordance with these principles. Grievances are categorized as external and internal depending on the type of the stakeholder. Since they have different grievance channels and resolution processes, they are defined in Sections 0 and 0 separately.

### 6.2 Principles of the Grievance Mechanism

To ensure compliance with the international standards (particularly IFC PS1, PS2, and PS5, EBRD PR10, EP IV Principles 5 and 6, and DFC ESPPs 3 and 5), there are a number of principles that the Project Company will apply to the Project's grievance mechanism in general. These principles can be summarized as follows:

- There will be a formalized and written Project Grievance Mechanism Procedure that involves the principles of the mechanism (including anonymity), available channels with contact details of the CLOs, defined timeframes for acknowledgement of the receipt of complaints and subsequent resolution, sample subjects that describes the type of grievance as per the identified Project impacts (i.e., noise, air, visual, dust, GBVH, labour management, and traffic), and management and resolution process together with the assigned responsible Project staff.
- Grievance mechanism will be committed to confidentiality and anonymity. Grievance channels both online and offline will be enabled to receive anonymous applications.
- It is crucial to provide appropriate environment where all internal and external stakeholders can easily report any GBVH-related grievance in a safe and confidential way when they

need. GBVH cases will be registered and processed as a part of the current grievance mechanism. However, they will be approached in a more sensitive way and in an immediate time manner through ensuring confidentiality, non-retaliation, protection and supervision of victims, and utilize legal expertise when needed. A female CLO has been employed for the Project in order to work more effectively with women in case if a GBVH incident occurs during the lifetime of the Project. Please see Section 6.5 for contact details of the CLOs.

#### 6.3 External Grievance Mechanism

External stakeholders can use the grievance mechanism through the following channels:

- The grievance form disclosed on the Project website<sup>8</sup> that enables anonymous grievance applications
- Verbal statements during face-to-face meetings/visits
- Phone calls and/or online messages (i.e., via WhatsApp) to the Project Company/CLOs
- Petitions
- Posters<sup>9</sup> that are hung in common areas of the Project affected neighbourhoods, indicating what the clear communication channels are
- E-mails to the Project Company

The steps listed below summarize the external grievance mechanism process:

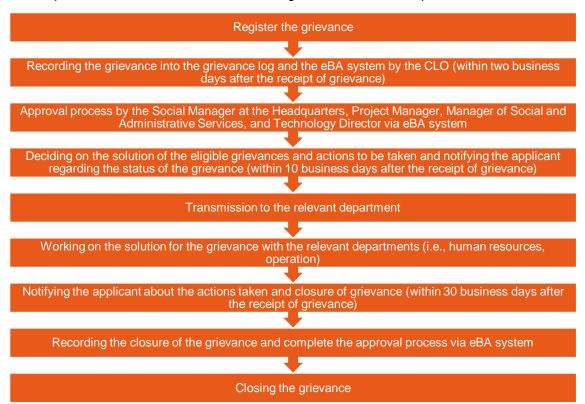


Figure 6.1: Steps of the External Grievance Mechanism Process

Should the Company be unable to resolve a complaint, or if the stakeholder is not satisfied with the outcome, the Company may consider seeking advice from other independent parties (i.e.,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Project website can be accessed via <a href="https://yekares2.enerjisauretim.com">https://yekares2.enerjisauretim.com</a>. The link of the grievance form on the Project website will be included once finalized.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Poster is given in Appendices Section 9.5.

local legal institutions and/or well-regarded NGOs) for further investigation, root cause analysis or actions in line with the good international practices on grievance management. Applicants always have the right to appeal to local or relevant legal authorities for a solution with which they are not satisfied.

Stakeholder request and grievance register log of the Project Company to be utilized throughout the Project is provided in Appendices Section 9.6.

As part of the Project's external grievance mechanism:

- The Project CLOs will manage and monitor the grievance mechanism process in a close way since they are the main contact points on site for the stakeholders.
- All grievances will be reviewed to be classified whether they are genuine and related to the Project activities or not. If the issues/disputes raised are not related to the Project activities, kind guidance is provided to the applicant to contact relevant party.
- For eligible grievances, CLOs will assign actions to the relevant Project Company staff (depending on the subject of the grievance) for their assessment and clarification of the grievance resolution actions.
- Within a maximum of ten business days, CLOs will inform the applicant on resolution actions taken/to be taken. If the case requires a more complex investigation, this is also conveyed to the applicant. It is ensured that applicant is provided with updated information at each step of the process until the clarification of resolution actions.
- In general, grievances are estimated to be resolved and closed within 30 business days after the receipt. However, the timeline can change depending on the nature, subject and scope of the grievance (i.e., the applicant's physical unavailability at the location of the grievance, inconvenient land/seasonal conditions, need for third-party assessments, arrangement of schedule for maintenance/repair works). Accordingly, the Project Company will make a prioritization among the grievances by considering their nature, subject matters and scope. The resolution period for the grievances with high priority will be revised as seven business days after the receipt of the grievance. For the grievances with medium priority, timeline will be 15 business days and the grievances that are prioritized as low will be resolved within 30 business days.

#### 6.4 Internal Grievance Mechanism

Internal grievance mechanism covers the grievances of all employees working under the Project Company, its contractors, subcontractors and suppliers. The Project Company has formal employee grievance mechanisms. As specified in the temporary SEP, some of these practices are applied within the Project area. However, some improvement areas have been notified during the ESIAprocess of the Project, which are detailed in the ESIA Report. Internal grievance channels include grievance boxes located in common Project areas (i.e., camps, refectory) that are checked on a weekly basis, e-mail address, an online form, employee committee meetings reporting grievances to the managers and Human Resources Department representatives verbally or in a written way, eBA Suggestion System of the Project Company, and grievance boxes placed at the Project mobilization areas. The Human Resources Department will be the main implementation body for the Internal Grievance Mechanism of the Project.

The following will be applied for all grievance channels for the successful implementation and management of internal grievance mechanism:

 Grievances will be classified and prioritized depending on their subjects while registering to the grievance log. Accordingly, resolution period for the grievances with high priority is recommended to be seven days after the receipt of the grievance. For the grievances with

- medium priority, it is 15 days and the grievances that are prioritized as low can be resolved within 30 days.
- After the grievances are successfully closed and the corrective actions are taken, the results
  of the grievances including anonymous grievances will be displayed on the notice boards
  within the Project site.

In summary, all Project staff will be able to report their grievances through one-to-one meetings, petitions, telephone calls, e-mails, online forms that enable anonymous grievance applications, grievance boxes (including site offices, canteens and/or worker accommodation locations), and collective meetings. The Project Company aims at creating a positive working environment based on open and continuous communication.

#### 6.5 Grievance Mechanism Channels and CLO Contact Details

The channels listed below can be used for receiving grievances. As stated in the temporary SEP, the Corporate Communication Department of the Project Company manages these grievances per the Corporate Communication Procedure and Crisis Management Procedure.

#### **Grievance Mechanism Channels**

- Official letter and/or petition to;
  - The Head Office (Barbaros Mah, My Office İş Merkezi, Çiğdem Sok. No:1/16 34746 Ataşehir/İstanbul), or
  - The Project Administration Office [This information is not yet available for the Project since there is no active administration office. The information will be included when the office is determined.]
  - Phone number of the Head Office: (0216) 512 40 00
- Project e-mail address: <a href="mailto:yekares2@enerjisauretim.com">yekares2@enerjisauretim.com</a>
- Project website: https://yekares2.enerjisauretim.com
- The grievance form disclosed on the Project website that enables anonymous grievance applications
- Posters that are hung in common areas of the Project affected neighbourhoods (i.e., teahouses and/or mukhtars' offices), indicating what the clear communication channels are

#### **Contact Details of the CLO**

The information contained herein is excluded from the publicly disclosed version of this document in compliance with personal data protection regulations.

### 7 Resources and Responsibilities

The Project Company will have the overall responsibility and commitment to actualize effective stakeholder engagement as defined in this SEP and in line with the IFC PS1, EBRD PR10, EP IV Principles and 5 and 6, and DFC ESPPs 3 and 5 requirements.

The Project Company will employ the CLOs for the Project, who will undertake and supervise engagement with all stakeholders in relation to the Project and use available resources to ensure that the relevant activities are conducted effectively. Other responsibilities of the CLOs are as follows:

- · Conducting stakeholder engagement and disclosure activities with stakeholders
- Following the grievances and requests from registration through the resolution process
- Awareness raising campaigns among the Project workforce on the stakeholder engagement and grievance mechanism principles
- Responsibility for the preparation of the Project-specific grievance and consultation logs to be used during internal/external reporting
- Responsibility for the preparation of the Project-specific stakeholder engagement and consultation reports to be shared internally and with the Lenders
- Informing the relevant managers of the Project Company for development and implementation of additional measures when necessary, in order to resolve communityrelated issues, including measures aimed at resolving non-closed grievances
- Coordinating with parties for proper implementation of the SEP

Together with the CLOs, the parties of interest for the implementation of the SEP during preconstruction, construction, and operation phases of the Project are listed below with the explanation of their responsibilities:

#### **Project Manager**

- Holding regularly scheduled meetings with the CLOs to supervise and evaluate the quality and impact of stakeholder engagement activities.
- Conducting monthly meetings to address and monitor any complaints received by the CLOs.
   Furthermore, holding meetings with the headquarters to tackle high-level complaints and explore holistic solutions.

### Corporate Social Manager at the Headquarters of the Project Company

- Determining and allocating the necessary resources for effective implementation of this SEP
- Evaluation of the compliance of the Project's stakeholder engagement and consultation activities with national legislation and international standards,
- Monitoring all grievances and ensuring that all grievances are recorded, resolved and closed

### **E&S Compliance Manager at the Headquarters of the Project Company**

- Monitoring the quality assurance of the SEP for effective implementation
- Reviewing the internal reports prepared by the CLOs

### 8 Monitoring and Reporting

The Project Company will be responsible for monitoring, evaluation and reporting activities, overseeing progress related to the Project activities, outcomes, and results.

The monitoring and reporting process of the stakeholder engagement plan is essential for accurately identifying the demands of stakeholders, developing strategies to respond to their needs, and actively involving stakeholders in all stakeholder engagement processes by building effective communication strategies. Stakeholders should be informed about the Project's development stages, potential impacts (involving community health and safety risks), communication channels with stakeholders, and grievance mechanism of the Project, provisions to prevent the risks of GBVH during the process through face-to-face consultation meetings, regular visits, disclosure of ESIA report, SEP, PID/brochure and other Project related documents, website and social media announcements, and announcements through posters/billboards/ press release.

To ensure a comprehensive understanding of stakeholder needs, it is important that the tools used for monitoring capture relevant information about their expectations, experiences, and satisfaction levels. Conducting focus groups and one-on-one interviews with key stakeholders can provide valuable and personalised feedback. Additionally, by establishing feedback channels, such as suggestion boxes, customer service hotlines, or online platforms, can encourage stakeholders to provide ongoing feedback. In this way, it will also be possible to assess the involvement and the perception of the stakeholders as well as the level of collaboration and partnerships established with them.

This SEP is a live document; therefore, it will be reviewed and updated by including the stakeholder engagement activities carried out at least on a six-monthly basis during the preconstruction, construction, and when needed during operation phases of the Project. The updated version will be published on the Project website on an annual basis. The SEP will be monitored by the relevant representatives of the Project Company to maintain effectiveness and quality.

The CLOs will also prepare reports on a semi-annual basis during construction phase and on an annual basis during operation phase, which will summarize the following:

- The number of Project-related grievances received within the particular reporting period, their resolution status with actions taken/ to be taken, and the number of those resolved within the prescribed timeline
- Stakeholder engagement, consultation and disclosure activities are conducted within the particular reporting period together with the outcomes of these activities
- Regular E&S performance reports (i.e., covering a wider range of E&S issues) for dissemination among local stakeholders

These reports will be shared with the relevant representatives of the Project Company and the Lenders for monitoring the ongoing progress on the stakeholder engagement and consultation activities.

## 9 Appendices

### 9.1 The Consultation Form of the Project Company

<b>ENERJİŞA</b> ÜRETİM									
			EKAYIT FORM ultation Form	U					
Formu Dolduran Kişi Person Filling Out the Form		Consi	Tarih Date						
Toplantı Gündemi Meeting Agenda			Görüşme Kay Consultation R Number						
1- Toplantı Bilgileri Meeting Information									
Yetkili Kişinin Adı Name of Authorized Person				<b>İletişim</b> Type of	<b>Şekli</b> Communication				
istişare Edilen Kurum Institution Consulted				☐ Yüz Face-to	-Face				
<b>Telefon/E-posta</b> Phone/Email				☐ <b>Tele</b> f	fon				
<b>Köy-Mahalle/İlçe/İl</b> Village/District/Province	□ <b>Diğe</b> Other	er							
<b>Paydaş Tipi</b> Type of Stakeholder				_					
☐ <b>Kamu Kurumu</b> Public Institution	□ <b>PEK</b> PAP	□ STK Association/NGO	□ İlgili Grup Related Group	Birlikle	<b>/Meslek</b> eri er/Professional				
☐ Yüklenici/Alt Yüklenici Contractor/Subcontractor	□ İşçi Sendikası Labour Union	<b>□ Medya</b> Media	□ <b>Üniversite</b> University	□ <b>Diğer</b> Other					
<b>2- İstişare Detayları</b> Details of the Consultation									
<b>Konu</b> Subject									
<b>Geri Bildirim</b> Feedback									
<b>Not</b> Note									

### 9.2 Project Consultation Log of the Project Company

Stakeholder Type	Institution Consulted	Stakeholder	Gender	Phone	Communication Channel	Date	Agenda Of the Meeting	Number Of Stakeholders Engaged	Team	Person Filling Out the Form	Details Of the Consultation

### 9.3 Revised Project Grievance Register Form

A. General Inform	nation								
Project Name									
Name of the F	Recorder								
Form Registry	/ No								
Date of Regis	ter								
Place of Regis	ster	<ul><li>□ Project offi</li><li>□ Other: Plea</li></ul>	ce ase specify the location						
B. Means of Rece	eiving Grievance								
to this form)	ease attach one copy	□ Community	e meetings (site visits) meetings (Public Information Meetings etc.)  Uther: Please specify						
C.1. Information a for anonymous a	about the Applicant (F applications)	Please do not fill	C.2. Stakeholder Category						
Name									
Gender			□ Local governmental authorities □ Local residents						
Contact	Phone number:		□ Non-governmental organization						
Information	E-mail address:		□ Project Employees						
Address			□ Workers of contractors/subcontractors						
			□ Consultant						
Neighbourhood/			□ Media						
District/			□ Other: Please specify						
Province			·						
D.1. Information	about Grievance		D.2. Grievance Category						
E. Actions Recor	mmended		<ul> <li>□ Damage to land/crop/structure</li> <li>□ Damage to access roads</li> <li>□ Environmental impacts (pollution, dust, noise)</li> <li>□ Use of lands without owner's consent and legal permission</li> <li>□ Restricting access to natural resources/lands</li> <li>□ Payment of usage fee or compensation</li> <li>□ Expropriation</li> <li>□ Resettlement</li> <li>□ Demand for job or work from local</li> <li>□ Working conditions</li> <li>□ Laying off</li> <li>□ Non-payments of workers' wages</li> <li>□ Debt to local suppliers or subcontractors</li> <li>□ Demanding any supports on education</li> <li>□ Demanding any supports for households/individuals</li> <li>□ Demanding any supports for neighbourhood/community</li> <li>□ Demanding any supports for local authorities</li> <li>□ Other: Please specify</li> </ul>						

### 9.4 Project Grievance Closure Form

Name of the Recorder:		
Date of Register:		/
GRIEVANCE/REC	QUEST CLOSURE	
In this section of the Closing Form, information on how the grincluded; if there is an expenditure made, its information will agreed with the grievance/request owner will be written and senerjisa Üretim employee and closed.	anation that the grievance/request is or request owner and the relevant	
(For grievances received over the Internet, an e-mail respons	se will be expected	instead of a signature)
Actions Taken for Grievance/Request	Relevant Depa	rtments /Contractors/ Subcontractors
1-		
2-		
3-		
4-		
Amount of Expenditure:		
Grievance/Requestor	On behalf of E	
Name and Surname	Litle-Name-Su	rname and Signature

# 9.5 Posters That Are Hung in Common Areas of The Project Affected Neighbourhoods



### 9.6 Stakeholder Request and Grievance Register Log of the Project Company for the Project

Proje	ect C	City	District	Village	Stakeholder	Gender	Phone	Communication Channel	Priority	Status	Repetition	Assigned By	Assigned To	Subject	Subject Detail	Message	CLO Remarks	Date Opened	Due Date	Date Closed	Overdue Day(s)	Open For Day(s) 	Taken Actions	Responsible Company - Department	Does It Need To Be Followed Up?
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