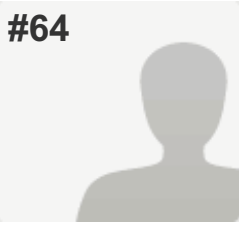


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**PAGE 4: B.1) YOUR CASE STORY: TITLE AND DESCRIPTION**

**Q1: TITLE OF CASE STORY**

Black Sea Electricity Transmission Network in Georgia

**Q2: CASE STORY ABSTRACT**

Together with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the European Investment Bank (EIB), and the German KfW, the Development Bank of Austria (OeEB) is financing the new construction and renovation of transmission lines and substations in Georgia. The result will be an "Energy Bridge" that will create a connection from Georgia and its network to Turkey, and thus to Europe. The total investment volume of this large infrastructure project amounts to EUR 289 million. The OeEB's share amounts to EUR 20 million.

**Q3: LONG DESCRIPTION OF THE CASE STORY**

Twelve years ago the "Rose Revolution" ushered in a new political era in the former Soviet Republic of Georgia, but still today the country is struggling to catch up economically. One precondition for attracting new investors is the creation of a stable electricity supply network.

The present project will improve the power infrastructure of Georgia and boost its economic development by connecting the Georgian electricity transmission system to Turkey and thus to Europe. It foresees the rehabilitation and expansion of the existing transmission system.

The creation of such an „Energy Bridge“ between the countries bordering the Black Sea and Turkey/Europe is an indispensable prerequisite for the further exploitation of the Georgian hydropower potential. Additional hydropower plants will provide the electricity needed to overcome power shortages in Georgia and – at the same time, enable the export of „clean“ electricity. At the new Akhaltsikhe substation the high voltage networks of Georgia and Turkey are connected to each other, in order to facilitate the exchange of electricity between the two countries. In 2014, for the first time, electricity from Georgia was exported to Turkey. Moreover, the neighbour countries Armenia and Azerbaijan may use this transmission network to export their surplus electricity to Turkey.

Besides the financial contributions of the European Development Finance Institutions, the project receives grant support amounting to EUR 8 million from the European "Neighbourhood Investment Facility" (NIF), a joint initiative of EU and Member States to improve infrastructure in EU neighbourhood.

**Q4: Please add here web links to project/programme materials.**

<http://www.oe-eb.at/en/projects/project-stories/pages/georgia-energy-bridge-bsr.aspx>

**PAGE 5: C.2) ABOUT THE CASE STORY**

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<b>Q5: YOUR CONTACT DETAILS</b>	
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Country:	Austria
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<b>Q6: FUNCTION</b>	
	Other (please specify) OeEB is a privately owned entity operating under clear public mandate.
<b>Q7: FUNDING PARTNER Tick the appropriate box(es)</b>	
	Other (please specify) Bilateral and European Development Banks and European Commission
<b>Q8: Additional information</b>	
	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
<b>Q9: START DATE OF PROJECT/PROGRAMME</b>	
	October 2010
<b>Q10: STATUS OF PROJECT/PROGRAMME</b>	
	On-going
<b>Q11: DURATION OR, IF ON-GOING, EXPECTED DURATION OF PROJECT/PROGRAMME</b>	
	More than 5 years
<b>Q12: COST OF PROJECT/PROGRAMME</b>	
	More than US\$20 million
<b>Q13: Additional information</b>	
	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
<b>Q14: TYPE OF FUNDING FOR PROJECT/PROGRAMME</b>	
	Loan

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<b>Q15: PROJECT/PROGRAMME TYPE</b>	Single country / customs territory
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<b>Q16: SINGLE COUNTRY/CUSTOMS TERRITORY</b>	GEORGIA
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**Q17: REGION**(If the region does not appear in the drop down menu, please enter manually.)

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q18: MULTI-COUNTRY**(Enter all countries or customs territories)

*Respondent skipped this question*

### PAGE 10: C.4) ABOUT THE CASE STORY

**Q19: CASE STORY FOCUS**Tick the appropriate box(es)

REDUCING TRADE COSTS FOR MERCHANDISE GOODS

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Upgrading network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms)

### PAGE 11: C.5) ABOUT THE CASE STORY

**Q20: HOW SUCCESSFUL WAS THE PROJECT/PROGRAMME** Tick the appropriate box(es)

Successful

### PAGE 12: C.6) ABOUT THE CASE STORY

**Q21: WHAT WERE THE OUTPUTS OF THE PROJECT/PROGRAMME** Tick the appropriate box(es)

New network infrastructure (e.g. broadband)

**Q22: Additional information**(maximum 300 words)

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q23: WHAT WERE THE OUTCOMES OF YOUR PROJECT/PROGRAMME**Tick the appropriate box(es)

Increase in merchandise exports

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### Q24: Additional information(maximum 300 words)

Export of electricity to neighbour countries was achieved.

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#### Q25: WHAT WERE THE IMPACTS OF THE PROJECT/PROGRAMME Tick the appropriate box(es)

Increase in foreign investment,  
Export market diversification

#### Q26: Additional information(maximum 300 words)

Because of the improvement of the electricity transmission network - investments in hydropower are expected to become more attractive in Georgia.

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#### Q27: LESSONS LEARNT Tick the appropriate box(es)

Importance of alignment with national priorities,  
Importance of alignment between different development partners in programming  
,  
Importance of attention to long-term sustainability  
,  
Importance of political will and commitment by project partner

#### Q28: Additional information(maximum 300 words)

*Respondent skipped this question*

#### Q29: PROJECT OR PROGRAMME MONITORING AND EVALUATION FRAMEWORK Tick the appropriate box(es)

M&E framework used, Project baselines set