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1 ILC AT THE MOLDOVA IAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MARCULESTI

Region: Western NIS Country: Moldova

Location: North East of Chisinau

Area: 40 ha

Mode Multimodal (Road/Rail/Air)

Investment Volume: EUR 12 – 20 million

Project Status: Priority

Applicant, Sponsor, Beneficiary, Promoter

Ministry of Transport and Road Infrastructure, Republic of Moldova

Geographical Description

The ILC is located about 30 km east of the city centre of Baltji. There are reasonably good connections to the urban and national highway network, but limited integration with the international road network. Thus there is a need for future road network improvements in order to enhance integration and accessibility. The Marculesti International Airport site is located on the TRACECA railway network, which gives an adequate integration and accessibility with regard to railway-based transport solutions. Additionally there will be a need for new local level access roads to the site, as well as railway access to the main line and present railway junction at Marculesti.

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Figure 1: ILC at the Moldova IAM International Airport Marculesti Location



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Technical Description

The project will build a new facility on the site of the primary building of MSAM (local territory) and create the first intermodal logistics centre in Moldova. The project aims at increasing the interaction with the city of Chisinau and the International Freeport "Giurgiulesti" (IMTS). Expected outcomes include significant cost reductions in international transport and a decrease in the average transit time for international traffic and regional distribution.

The proposed project would substantially broaden the business, in particular by making it truly multimodal. In short terms this would entail:

- Rehabilitating an existing branch line (0.24km) to Marculesti Station, allowing cheaper delivery of fuel by rail tanker instead of by road tanker.
- Completion of construction of a new air cargo terminal.

In subsequent phases it would entail:

- Constructing an access road (0.4km) to an existing road running north to the main east-west road R13, and rehabilitating that existing road (1.2km).
- Constructing a container terminal equipped for inter-modal operations.
- Providing railway access to that terminal, making use of an existing dead-end entry line parallel to the main line that runs along the northern boundary of the site.
- Constructing temperature-controlled storage and handling facilities for agricultural produce and other temperature-sensitive goods; and preparing land for construction of specialised and multiple-use facilities.

Socio-Economic Description

This project will have a big impact on intermodality in Moldova, creating opportunities for transshipment between the three modes of transport (road, rail and air). Additional environmental impact will be negligible, since the proposed project is located in the International Airport "Marculesti" (a former air base). Emission reductions will be achieved through the use of more effective and appropriate modes of transport (i.e. movement of freight from roads to railway).

Source of Repayment

There was a first interest from the private sector with regard to land and activities in the MSAM, 12 resident companies present at the moment. In Moldova, there is a legislative framework for concessions. PPP could be an option with a successful example of a free port "Giurgiulesti".

Related Investments

None

Other Involved Parties

Probable participation of the EBRD and an international operating company

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