

Several Eurozone Corporate And Infrastructure Entities On Watch Negative After Similar Action On Eurozone Sovereigns

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- On Dec. 5, 2011, we placed 15 of the 17 eurozone sovereigns on CreditWatch with negative implications.
- We are placing our ratings on 26 eurozone government-related entities (GRES), and some non-GRES we view as sensitive to country risk, in the corporate and infrastructure sector on CreditWatch with negative implications.
- We will review all of the ratings affected once we have resolved the CreditWatch placements of the respective sovereigns.

STOCKHOLM (Standard & Poor's) Dec. 8, 2011--Standard & Poor's Ratings Services said today that it had placed its ratings on 26 European Economic and Monetary Union (EMU or eurozone) government-related entities (GRES) and non-GRES in the corporate and infrastructure sector (including utilities) on CreditWatch with negative implications.

The rating action follows the placement of 15 of the 17 eurozone sovereigns on CreditWatch with negative implications (see "Standard & Poor's Puts Ratings On Eurozone Sovereigns On CreditWatch With Negative Implications", published on RatingsDirect on Dec. 5, 2011).

See the Ratings List below for the affected corporate and infrastructure issuers and the related rating changes.

Ratings on infrastructure companies account for the bulk of those affected, as they are often partly or fully government controlled and as they generally have high exposure to domestic markets. Moreover, these ratings often benefit

from an uplift from our assessment of an issuer's stand-alone credit profile. Consequently, most of the issuers concerned are affected because of their GRE status, as the sovereign rating is a key element in our ratings on GREs. Only three of the corporate and infrastructure issuers are non-GREs--Atlantia SpA, Portugal Telecom SGPS S.A., and Endesa S.A. The first two are on CreditWatch because of our view of their high sensitivity to country risk in line with our methodology for non-sovereign ratings that exceed EMU sovereign ratings. The ratings on Endesa S.A. are linked to the stand-alone credit profile of Enel SpA. We also reviewed Acea SpA (A-/Watch Neg/A-2), which could also be affected by the impending sovereign rating review, but the ratings had already been placed on CreditWatch with negative implications on Dec. 7, 2011 to reflect weakened financial ratios.

We will review all of the ratings on CreditWatch when we have resolved the CreditWatch placements of the respective sovereign and have more clarity regarding the magnitude of any potential downgrade. As part of the review, we will also consider the possible consequences of any deterioration of country risk factors on these entities' stand-alone credit profiles, as well as their link with and role for their respective government.

We plan to publish individual research updates shortly on the corporate and infrastructure issuers listed below, including a list of ratings on affiliated entities. The research updates will be available on RatingsDirect on the Global Credit Portal. Ratings on specific issues will be available on RatingsDirect on the Global Credit Portal and www.standardandpoors.com.

RELATED CRITERIA AND RESEARCH

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RATINGS LIST

Issuer credit ratings

CreditWatch action	To	From
Aeroports de Paris	A+/Watch Neg/--	A+/Stable/--
Atlantia SpA	A-/Watch Neg/A-2	A-/Negative/A-2
Bord Gais Eireann	BBB+/Watch Neg/A-2	BBB+/Negative/A-2
Comboios de Portugal E.P.E	B-/Watch Neg/--	B-/Watch Dev/--
Deutsche Bahn AG	AA/Watch Neg/A-1+	AA/Stable/A-1+
Dublin Airport Authority PLC	BBB/Watch Neg/A-3	BBB/Negative/A-3
EBN B.V.	AAA/Watch Neg/A-1+	AAA/Stable/A-1+
EDP - Energias de Portugal S.A.	BBB/Watch Neg/A-2	BBB/Negative/A-2
Electricite de France S.A.	AA-/Watch Neg/A-1+	AA-/Stable/A-1+
Electricity Supply Board	BBB+/Watch Neg/A-2	BBB+/Stable/A-2
Enagas S.A.	AA-/Watch Neg/A-1+	AA-/Negative/A-1+
Endesa S.A.	A-/Watch Neg/A-2	A-/Negative/A-2
Enel SpA	A-/Watch Neg/A-2	A-/Negative/A-2
Eni SpA	A+/Watch Neg/A-1	A+/Stable/A-1
Fingrid Oyj	AA-/Watch Neg/A-1+	AA-/Stable/A-1+
GasTerra B.V.	AA+/Watch Neg/A-1+	AA+/Stable/A-1+
N.V. Nederlandse Gasunie	AA-/Watch Neg/A-1+	AA-/Negative/A-1+
Northern Ireland Electricity Ltd.	BBB+/Watch Neg/A-2	BBB+/Stable/A-2
NS Groep N.V.	AA-/Watch Neg/--	AA-/Stable/--
Portugal Telecom SGPS S.A.	BBB-/Watch Neg/A-3	BBB-/Negative/A-3
Red Electrica Corporacion S.A.	AA-/Watch Neg/A-1+	AA-/Negative/A-1+
Rede Ferroviaria Nacional REFER E.P.E.	B-/Watch Neg /--	B-/Watch Dev/--
REN-Redes Energeticas Nacionais SGPS S.A.	BBB-/Watch Neg/A-3	BBB-/Negative/A-3

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RTE EDF Transport S.A.	AA-/Watch Neg/A-1+	AA-/Stable/A-1+
Societe Nationale des Chemins de Fer Francais	AA+/Watch Neg/A-1+	AA+/Stable/A-1+
Terna SpA	A/Watch Neg/A-1	A/Negative/A-1

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