



ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

Product names:

Low voltage 0.6/1KV undergroud cable: ARE4EX/3X150RM+95N 0.6/1KV

Manufacturing site:

Prysmian Cabluri Si Sisteme S.A., DJ546, Strada Draganesti Nr.28, Slatina 230119, Romania



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1. General information

| Owner of the declaration | Prysmian Cabluri Si Sisteme S.A., DJ546 Strada Draganesti Nr.28, Slatina 230119, Romania |
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| Plants involved in the EPD | Prysmian Cabluri Si Sisteme S.A., DJ546 Strada Draganesti Nr.28, Slatina 230119, Romania |
| Product identification | Nr. 1 underground low voltage cable: 1) ARE4EX/3X150RM+95N 0.6/1KV |
| Product description | Cable with round aluminium conductors for the transport and distribution of low voltage electrical energy in underground lines. |
| Program Operator | EPDITALY (www.epditaly.it) Via Gaetano De Castillia 10 - 20124 Milano, Italy |
| Independent verification | This declaration has been developed in accordance with the EPDItaly Regulations; further information and the Regulations themselves are available on the website: www.epditaly.it EN 50693 is the framework reference for PCRs. The PCR revision was carried out by SGS-info@epditaly.it. Independent verification of the declaration and data according to ISO 14025:2010. Internal □ External □ Third party verification performed by: ICMQ S.p.A Società Benefit, Via G. De Castillia,10 Milano, Lombardia, 20124. Accredited by Accredia (numero accreditamento: 004VV rev 00) |
| CPC-Based Code | 463 family "Insulated wire and cable; optical fibre cables" and sub-sequent clusters |
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| Comparability | Environmental statements published within the same product category, but from different programs, may not be comparable. |
| Responsibility | Prysmian Group releases EPDItaly from any non-compliance with environmental legislation self-declared by the manufacturer. The holder of the declaration will be responsible for the information and supporting evidence; EPDItaly declines all responsibility for the manufacturer's information, data and results of the evaluation of the life cycle of the product. |
| Reference documents | This declaration has been developed following the EPDItaly Programme Regulations, available on the website: www.epditaly.it . |



Product Category Rules (PCR)

EPDItaly007 - CORE PCR EN 50693_BASE_Rev.3.1, 2024/11/12 EPDItaly016 - SUB PCR EN 50693_cables_Rev.3, 2024/10/03 BS EN 50693:2019



2. Company profile

Prysmian Group is world leader in the power and telecom cable systems industry.

With almost 140 years of experience, the Group offers the widest range of products, services, technologies and know-how for every type of industry, thanks to a widespread commercial presence, R&D centers in Europe, the United States, South America and China and over 500 R&D qualified professionals. The Group is organized into the following operating segments:

Oil & Gas: offers innovative solutions for complex instrumentation and control systems and integrated energy to connect the entire oil and gas distribution chain. State-of-the-art manufacturing facilities and test labs provide a wide range of SURF (Subsea Umbelical, Riser and Flowline) cables and products, from steel or thermoplastic umbilical cables, to flexible tubing and downhole technology for business mining offshore;

Telecom: the Prysmian Group, by offering an essential contribution to the world's leading companies in the telecommunications sector, has become one of the world's largest producers of cables and accessories for voice, video and data transmission thanks to a complete range of optical fibers, optical and copper cables and connectivity systems. FlexTube® with the highest density of optical fibers, installed in 2017 in Hong Kong to increase the quality of optical fibers and innovation applied to cables allow the Group to face the most difficult and ambitious broadband connection challenges;

Energy Projects: the Prysmian Group designs, manufactures and installs high and very high voltage cables and systems for the transmission of underground and submarine energy directly from power plants to primary distribution networks. The technologies of the Group for this business include cables for the operation of wind turbines, cables for connection between the various turbines and for connection to the mainland;

Energy Products: in the field of energy transmission and distribution, the Group produces both medium voltage cables and systems for connecting industrial and residential structures to primary distribution networks, and low voltage ones for energy distribution and wiring of buildings. Prysmian solutions were created to support utilities and network managers, industrial companies, installers and wholesalers in the electricity sector.

The Group is also active in the design, production, supply and installation of cables for the most varied applications. In transport, the Prysmian Group has also achieved exceptional milestones, carrying out the wiring of some of the largest passenger aircraft and ships in the world, such as the Airbus 380 or Royal Caribbean's GENESIS fleet, of the fastest trains and the most innovative, like the one inaugurated in Shanghai. Three million passengers on the London Underground travel every day through 400 km of cable tunnels thanks to Prysmian and Draka Fire Resistant cables.



Innovative cable technology

With a view to facilitating the development of ever more efficient and integrated grids, Prysmian Group strives constantly to improve the performance of its terrestrial and submarine cables.

Cables are an essential component of the energy transition, representing the backbone of power grids and facilitating the distribution and transportation of energy between various areas marked by different consumption patterns.

Cables are the backbone of power grids, without which it would not be possible to transmit and transport energy from one country to another.

> Cables make the entire power grid more efficient, facilitating the exchange of energy between differnt countries/consumption areas with different consumption patterns.

> > Submarine cables transmit energy from offshore wind farms to the mainland, where the primary distribution network is located.

> > > Terrestrial cables ensure greater integration between the various power grids, balancing demand and supply and transmitting electricity from the areas in which it is generated (the landfall of submarine cables) to the places where it is consumed.



Production plant

Prysmian Group comprises 104 production plants in more than 50 countries worldwide. The manufacturing site of the product subject to the present EPD is the plant located in Slatina, Romania:

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The Slatina factory covers an area of almost 100.000 square meters, with a covered area of about 42.000 square meters, for a total annual production capacity of 30.000 tons of energy cables (from High Voltage cables up to 110kV and building wires, to Power and Instrumentation & Control cables), almost 1.500.000 km of optical cables and 500.000 km of copper telecom cables, covering almost all possible demand for both optical fibre and copper telecom cables types.



Figure 1. Slatina plant

The Slatina plant ha become one of the centres of excellence in Europe for the optical communications cables industry. The factory holds the ISO 9001 Quality Management System Certification, ISO 45001 Safety Management System Certification and ISO 14001 Environmental Management System Certification, employing over 400 employees.

Company contact

For more information on Prysmian's activities or in relation to this environmental product declaration, you can contact:

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Alternatively, you can visit the website: www.prysmiangroup.com/en/sustainability



3. Scope and type of the EPD

System boundaries

This EPD considers the entire life cycle of the cable manufactured by Prysmian. The EPD type is therefore "from cradle to grave" type. In accordance with the EPD Regulations, specifically PCR 007 (Electronic and electrical products and systems) and sub-PCR 016 (Cables and wires), the system boundaries are set with reference to the following three modules:

- 1. **Upstream module** which includes all the relevant supply chain processes.
- 2. **Core module** which includes all the relevant processes related to the assembly of the cable and the production of its packaging
- 3. **Downstream module** which includes all the relevant processes that take place after the assembly stage:
 - product transportation/distribution;
 - product installation;
 - product use & maintenance;
 - product end-of-life.

The system boundaries of the product covered by this EPD, together with the main processes that characterize the phases of the life cycle studied, are represented in the following Figure. The system boundaries are described also taking into account the stages proposed by EN 50693.

Type of EPD

Product EPD; this declaration relates to a specific product by a specific manufacturer.

Geographical scope

Manufacturing: Romania Product distribution: Romania

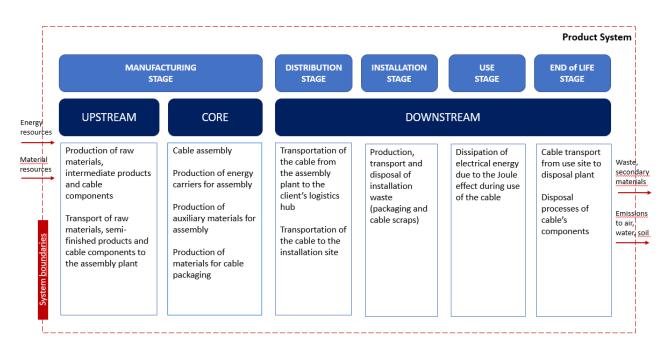


Figure 2. System boundaries

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4. Products description

Products identification

Aluminium low voltage underground cables:

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Cables with aluminium conductors for transport and distribution of low voltage electrical energy in direct buried or in underground pipes.

The cables can handle medium mechanical stresses due to their aluminum tape screen. They are designed to replace heavy and rigid cables armored with metal in places where protection against damage is needed.

Conductor shape round, class 2 = stranded; red outer sheath



Function and application

The function of the product is to transport low voltage electricity; the cable is installed in underground lines. Main applications: industrial installations, energy & installations, power distribution.

Electrical and Thermal parameters

| | ARE4EX/3X150RM+95N 0.6/1KV |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Nominal voltage U0 [V] | 600 |
| Nominal voltage U [V] | 1000 |
| Max. conductor | 90 |
| temperature [°C] | 30 |

Chemical properties

| | ARE4EX/3X150RM+95N 0.6/1KV |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| CPR reaction to fire | Eca |
| Halogen free | Yes |
| UV resistant | Yes |
| Silicon free | Yes |
| Lead free | Yes |

Cable properties

| | ARE4EX/3X150RM+95N 0.6/1KV | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Nominal thickness insulation [mm] | 1,4 | | | |
| Nominal outer diameter [mm] | 50,8 | | | |
| Cable Weight [kg/km] | 2.098 | | | |

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| Conductor resistance at 20° C | 0.206 |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| [Ohm/km] | 0,206 |

Cable composition

| | ARE4EX/3X150RM+95N 0.6/1KV | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Material | kg / 1 km of cable % / 1 km of cable | | | | |
| Conductor | 1.112 | 53,0% | | | |
| Insulation | 236 | 11,2% | | | |
| Insulation | 12 | 0,5% | | | |
| Separation tape | 14 | 0,7% | | | |
| Sheath | 472 | 22,5% | | | |
| Sheath | 12 | 0,6% | | | |
| Conductor | 241 | 11,5% | | | |
| Total | 2.098 | 100% | | | |

The cable under study do not contain dangerous substances of a high degree of concern (Substances of Very High Concern-SVHC) contemplated in the ECHA Candidate List (https://echa.europa.eu/it/candidate-list-table).

The packaging of the cables in the functional unit consists of wood and steel reel on which the calbe is wound.

5. Environmental performances

The environmental performance of the low voltage underground cable:

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is shown for 1 km of cable for each module (upstream, core, downstream) and for each stage (Manufacturing, Distribution, Installation, Use and End-of-life) of the life cycle.

The declared environmental indicators include:

- core environmental impacts
- resource use
- waste production
- output flows.

The environmental impact indicators are quantified using the characterisation factors and impact assessment methods specified in EN 15804:2012+A2:2019 (EF 3.1) and EDIP 2003 V1.07



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Core Environmental Impact Indicators - 1 km of cable ARE4EX/3X150RM+95N 0.6/1KV electricity transmission of 1A of carried current for 40 years. It is specified that negative values are related to the absorption of biogenic CO2 from the packaging, which has been balanced in phase A5.

| ARE4EX/3X150RM+95N 0.6/1KV | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|--|
| Indicator | Unit | UPSTREAM | CORE | DOWNSTREAM | TOTAL | |
| GWP-total | kg CO₂ eq | 1,23E+04 | -9,42E+01 | 1,73E+03 | 1,39E+04 | |
| GWP-fossil | kg CO₂ eq | 1,20E+04 | 1,84E+02 | 1,10E+03 | 1,33E+04 | |
| GWP-biogen. | kg CO₂ eq | 8,14E+01 | -2,79E+02 | 6,33E+02 | 4,35E+02 | |
| GWP-luluc | kg CO₂ eq | 2,28E+02 | 6,03E-01 | 3,79E-01 | 2,29E+02 | |
| ODP | kg CFC11eq | 5,35E-04 | 4,01E-06 | 1,46E-05 | 5,53E-04 | |
| АР | mol H+ eq | 7,23E+01 | 8,22E-01 | 6,20E+00 | 7,93E+01 | |
| EP-freshw. | kg Peq | 5,72E-01 | 1,59E-02 | 2,99E-02 | 6,18E-01 | |
| EP - marine | kg N eq | 9,24E+00 | 2,99E-01 | 2,92E+00 | 1,25E+01 | |
| EP -terrestrial | mol N eq | 1,01E+02 | 2,79E+00 | 2,60E+01 | 1,30E+02 | |
| POCP | kgNMVOCeq | 4,42E+01 | 1,09E+00 | 8,27E+00 | 5,36E+01 | |
| ADPmin&met | kg Sb eq | 2,53E-02 | 8,34E-04 | 1,79E-03 | 2,79E-02 | |
| ADPfossil | MJ | 2,16E+05 | 2,25E+03 | 1,20E+04 | 2,30E+05 | |
| WDP | m³ depriv. | 2,86E+03 | -1,51E+02 | 7,02E+01 | 2,78E+03 | |

| ARE4EX/3X150RM+95N 0.6/1KV | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------|
| Indicator | Unit | Manufacturi ng stage | Distribution stage | Installation stage | Use Stage | End-of-life stage | TOTAL |
| GWP-total | kg CO₂ eq | 1,22E+04 | 7,53E+01 | 8,33E+02 | 8,40E+01 | 7,37E+02 | 1,39E+04 |
| GWP-fossil | kg CO₂ eq | 1,22E+04 | 7,52E+01 | 5,12E+02 | 8,39E+01 | 4,24E+02 | 1,33E+04 |
| GWP-biogen. | kg CO₂ eq | -1,98E+02 | 5,78E-02 | 3,21E+02 | 1,51E-01 | 3,12E+02 | 4,35E+02 |
| GWP-luluc | kg CO₂ eq | 2,29E+02 | 3,54E-02 | 6,75E-02 | 6,88E-03 | 2,70E-01 | 2,29E+02 |
| ODP | kg CFC11eq | 5,39E-04 | 1,64E-06 | 9,78E-06 | 3,64E-07 | 2,77E-06 | 5,53E-04 |
| AP | mol H+ eq | 7,31E+01 | 2,53E-01 | 4,14E+00 | 5,83E-01 | 1,22E+00 | 7,93E+01 |
| EP - freshw. | kg Peq | 5,88E-01 | 6,07E-04 | 2,85E-03 | 1,81E-02 | 8,35E-03 | 6,18E-01 |
| EP - marine | kg N eq | 9,54E+00 | 8,66E-02 | 1,93E+00 | 4,78E-02 | 8,47E-01 | 1,25E+01 |
| EP - terrestrial | mol N eq | 1,04E+02 | 9,26E-01 | 2,08E+01 | 5,17E-01 | 3,75E+00 | 1,30E+02 |
| POCP | kgNMVOCeq | 4,53E+01 | 3,94E-01 | 6,28E+00 | 1,69E-01 | 1,43E+00 | 5,36E+01 |
| ADP-min.& met. | kg Sb eq | 2,61E-02 | 2,03E-04 | 2,47E-04 | 7,45E-06 | 1,34E-03 | 2,79E-02 |
| ADPfossil | MJ | 2,18E+05 | 1,10E+03 | 6,10E+03 | 1,71E+03 | 3,09E+03 | 2,30E+05 |
| WDP | m³ depriv. | 2,71E+03 | 5,25E+00 | 1,44E+01 | 2,47E+01 | 2,59E+01 | 2,78E+03 |



GWP-total = Global Warming Potential; **GWP-fossil** = Global Warming Potential - fossil; **GWP-biogenic** = Global Warming Potential - biogenic; **GWP-luluc** = Global Warming Potential - land use and land use change; **ODP** = Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; **AP** = Acidification potential, Accumulated Exceedance; **EP-freshwater** = Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching freshwater end compartment; **POCP** = Formation potential of tropospheric ozone; **ADP-minerals&metals** = Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources; **ADP-fossil** = Abiotic depletion for fossil resources potential; **WDP** = Water deprivation potential, deprivation weighted water consumption



Resource use indicators - 1 km of cable ARE4EX/3X150RM+95N 0.6/1KV electricity transmission of 1A of carried current for 40 years

| ARE4EX/3X150RM+95N 0.6/1KV | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|
| Indicator | Unit | TOTAL | | | | |
| PENRE | MJ, NCV | 1,95E+05 | 1,73E+03 | 1,09E+04 | 2,08E+05 | |
| PERE | MJ, NCV | 6,19E+04 | 1,25E+04 | 7,25E+02 | 7,51E+04 | |
| PENRM | MJ, NCV | 3,14E+04 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 3,14E+04 | |
| PERM | MJ, NCV | 0,00E+00 | 7,92E+03 | 0,00E+00 | 7,92E+03 | |
| PENRT | MJ, NCV | 2,27E+05 | 1,73E+03 | 1,09E+04 | 2,39E+05 | |
| PERT | MJ, NCV | 6,19E+04 | 2,04E+04 | 7,25E+02 | 8,30E+04 | |
| FW | m³ | 4,45E+02 | 2,56E+01 | 3,92E+00 | 4,74E+02 | |
| MS | kg | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | |
| RSF | MJ | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | |
| NRSF | MJ | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | |

| ARE4EX/3X150RM+95N 0.6/1KV | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------|
| Indicator | Unit | Manufacturi ng stage | Distribution stage | Installation stage | Use Stage | End-of-life stage | TOTAL |
| PENRE | MJ, NCV | 1,97E+05 | 1,04E+03 | 5,81E+03 | 1,69E+03 | 2,39E+03 | 2,08E+05 |
| PERE | MJ, NCV | 7,44E+04 | 1,61E+01 | 6,26E+01 | 4,36E+02 | 2,10E+02 | 7,51E+04 |
| PENRM | MJ, NCV | 3,14E+04 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 3,14E+04 |
| PERM | MJ, NCV | 7,92E+03 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 7,92E+03 |
| PENRT | MJ, NCV | 2,28E+05 | 1,04E+03 | 5,81E+03 | 1,69E+03 | 2,39E+03 | 2,39E+05 |
| PERT | MJ, NCV | 8,23E+04 | 1,61E+01 | 6,26E+01 | 4,36E+02 | 2,10E+02 | 8,30E+04 |
| FW | m³ | 4,70E+02 | 1,73E-01 | 5,66E-01 | 2,07E+00 | 1,11E+00 | 4,74E+02 |
| MS | kg | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 |
| RSF | MJ | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 |
| NRSF | MJ | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 |

PENRE = Use of non-renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; **PERE** = Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; **PENRM** = Use of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; **PERM** = Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; **PENRT** = Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources; **PERT** = Total use of renewable primary energy resources; **PEW** = Use of net fresh water; **MS** = Use of secondary material; **RSF** = Use of renewable secondary fuels; **NRSF** = Use of non-renewable secondary fuels;



Waste production indicators - 1 km of cable ARE4EX/3X150RM+95N 0.6/1KV electricity transmission of 1A of carried current for 40 years

| ARE4EX/3X150RM+95N 0.6/1KV | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------|----------|----------|------------|----------|--|--|
| Indicator | Unit | UPSTREAM | CORE | DOWNSTREAM | TOTAL | | |
| HWD | kg | 0,00E+00 | 2,00E-04 | 5,39E-02 | 5,41E-02 | | |
| NHWD | Kg | 0,00E+00 | 9,39E+00 | 5,44E+02 | 5,53E+02 | | |
| RWD | kg | 0,00E+00 | 2,73E-05 | 5,25E-03 | 5,28E-03 | | |

| ARE4EX/3X150RM+95N 0.6/1KV | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------|
| Indicator | Unit | Manufacturi ng stage | Distribution stage | Installation stage | Use Stage | End-of-life stage | TOTAL |
| HWD | kg | 2,00E-04 | 0,00E+00 | 3,96E-02 | 0,00E+00 | 1,42E-02 | 5,41E-02 |
| NHWD | Kg | 9,39E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 3,08E+01 | 0,00E+00 | 5,13E+02 | 5,53E+02 |
| RWD | kg | 2,73E-05 | 0,00E+00 | 1,35E-03 | 0,00E+00 | 3,90E-03 | 5,28E-03 |

HWD = Hazardous waste disposed; **NHWD** = Non-hazardous waste disposed; **RWD** = Radioactive waste disposed;

Output flows indicators - 1 km of cable ARE4EX/3X150RM+95N 0.6/1KV electricity transmission of 1A of carried current for 40 years

| ARE4EX/3X150RM+95N 0.6/1KV | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|----------|------------|----------|--|--|
| Indicator | Unit | UPSTREAM | CORE | DOWNSTREAM | TOTAL | | |
| MER | kg | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | | |
| MFR | kg | 0,00E+00 | 1,16E+02 | 1,31E+03 | 1,42E+03 | | |
| CRU | kg | 0,00E+00 | 6,71E+02 | 6,71E+02 | 1,34E+03 | | |
| ETE | MJ, NCV | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | | |
| EEE | MJ, NCV | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | | |

| ARE4EX/3X150RM+95N 0.6/1KV | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------|
| Indicator | Unit | Manufacturi ng stage | Distribution stage | Installation stage | Use Stage | End-of-life stage | TOTAL |
| MER | kg | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 |
| MFR | kg | 1,16E+02 | 0,00E+00 | 5,23E+01 | 0,00E+00 | 1,26E+03 | 1,42E+03 |
| CRU | kg | 6,71E+02 | 0,00E+00 | 6,71E+02 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 1,34E+03 |
| ETE | MJ, NCV | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 |
| EEE | MJ, NCV | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 |

MER = Materials for energy recovery; **MFR** = Materials for recycling; **CRU** = Components for reuse; **ETE**= Exported thermal energy; **EEE**= Exported electricity energy;



6. Interpretation of results

The environmental impacts of the cable, quantified from a life cycle perspective, are largely produced by their upstream phase.

This result is motivated by the relevance of the raw material production phase and its procurement in the entire cables life cycle.

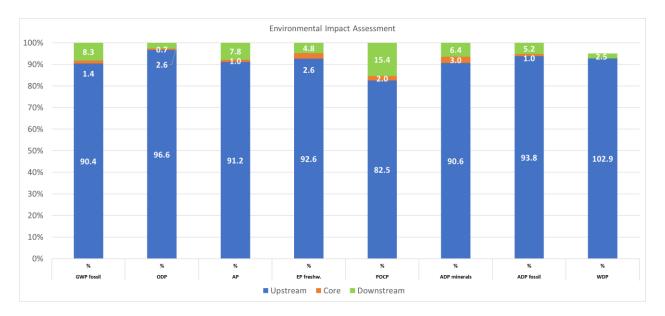


Figure 3. Environmental Impact Analysis of the ARE4EX/3X150RM+95N 0.6/1KV cable

The upstream phase contributes for 90,4% to the GWP-fossil.

The downstream phase, including distribution, installation, use and maintenance and end of life, contributes for all cable is for around the 8,3% to the GWP-fossil indicator. The Core phase, on the other hand, around 1,4% to the GWP-fossil.



7. LCA calculations

Functional unit

The functional unit of the LCA product system is:

To transmit electricity with current of 1A by means of the ARE4EX/3X150RM+95N 0.6/1KV cable, over a distance of 1 km for 40 years and a 100% use rate.

Reference Service Life (RSL)

An average RSL of 40 years is used for the LCA calculations.

Exclusions from system boundaries

The construction, maintenance and decommissioning of infrastructures (buildings and machinery) as well as the occupation of industrial land were not considered in the LCA study.

Cut-off rules

All relevant input and output flows of matter and energy included within the system boundaries were considered.

In compliance with the cut-off criteria established by the applicable PCR, the following flows were excluded:

- production, use and disposal of raw materials packaging
- raw materials for which specific data are not available and whose total mass does not exceed 2% of the total mass of the finished product
- auxiliary materials and energy consumed in the installation process as these operations are performed manually
- external devices necessary for the installation of the cable itself
- packaging derived from the purchase of raw materials

Data sources

Primary and site-specific data from records and documentation provided by the Prysmian cable manufacturing plant in Slatina, Romania were used for the foreground processes.

The primary data used include: cable composition (cable design documentation), type and amount of material and energy flows In the assembly phase, packaging materials of the finished product.

For the modeling of the background processes secondary data deriving from international databases (Ecoinvent 3.9.1) were used. Secondary data are related to the manufacture of cable components, the production of energy carriers used in the product system (electricity in the core and downstream modules), the transportation processes and the waste treatment processes.

Regarding the use phase, the energy mix considered is associated with an emission factor of 0,108 kgCO₂e per kWh, reflecting the environmental impact of electricity during this phase

Data quality

Completeness: all the main flows of matter and energy have been fully quantified and included in the study; the flows excluded from the analysis are identified in the Cut-off rules section.

Time representativeness: the primary data used refer to the year 2023 (12 months).

The secondary data are taken from the ecoinvent 3.9.1 environmental database.



Geographic representativeness: primary site-specific data were used for the cable assembly processes; for the secondary data, datasets were selected from databases consistent with the geography of the processes studied, whenever this was known.

Technological representativeness: the primary data used represent the specific production technology of the product under study. For the secondary data taken from the database, reference was made to the most representative technology for the processes in question, where this is known.

Allocations

In the context of multifunctional processes allocation procedures were used in accordance with the provisions of EN 50693: 2019.

The main allocations made are:

- consumption during the cable assembly phase: the specific consumption (relating to Electricity, Natural gas, Diesel oil, LPG, Water and Refrigerant: R407c) for the product under study was quantified by allocating the aggregate plant consumption according to the share of mass production of the cable under study compared to the total cable production.
- hazard and non hazard waste production during the cable assembly phase: allocation of the total plant waste production based on the share of mass production of the cable under study compared to the total cable production.

Software and Database

The software used for the LCA calculations is SimaPro. The database used for process modeling is ecoinvent 3.9.1.

Use phase scenario

The use phase includes the environmental impacts associated to the electricity deriving from the cable during its operation.

The electricity losses are directly proportional to the square of the intensity of the transmitted current, expressed in Ampere (A), according to the following formula:

$$E_{use}(J) = R_{linear} * I^2 * RSL$$

where:

E_{use} is the dissipated energy

 R_{linear} is the linear resistivity value of the cable, expressed in Ω / km

I² is the carried current value, expressed in A

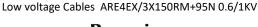
RSL is the Reference Service Life (RSL) of the cable, expressed in seconds.

Since the actual intensity of the transmitted current is not known, a value of 1 A was used in the use phase modeling, as required by the EPDItaly PCR 016.

The parameters for the use-phase scenario are summarized as follows:

| Parameter | Unit | SH18024 (Y1)/36/66kV 1C500 AL/XLPE/AWA+ALF/AT FRPE RD- Gra | |
|------------------------|-------|--|--|
| Linear resistivity | Ω/km | 0,206 | |
| Reference Service Life | years | 40 | |
| Current valure | Α | 1 | |

For the modeling of the pressure drops due to the Joule effect in the use phase, an average mix for Italian market, taken from ecoinvent database, has been used.



End of Life scenario

The End of life scenario is defined on the basis of the following assumptions:

- recovery of the dismissed cable (100% of recovered cable)
- dismissed cable transportation from the installation site to the waste treatment site: 300 km by truck
- pre-treatment of the cable through granulation

The percentage used for the different waste treatments are¹:

- material recovery for 70% of aluminum
- landfill for 30% of aluminum
- material recovery for 71% of plastic
- incineration for 24% of plastic
- landfill for 5% of plastic
- landfill for 100% of rubber

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