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## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

### Overview

Project Name:	S8 Expressway - Warsaw – Bialystok
Project Number:	2012-0673
Country:	Poland
Project Description:	The project consists of three non-continuous new expressway sections on the S8 route between Warsaw and Bialystok, located on the comprehensive TEN-T with an approximately 45 km total length distributed as follows: (i) 14.9 km between the Voivodship border and Zambrów bypass; (ii) 15.4 km between Wisniewo and Mezenin and (iii) 14.3 km between the Mezenin bypass and Jezewo.

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

All three sections fall under Annex I of the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU and one EIA report was done for all three sections in 11/2009. In addition a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) has been done for this project, including public consultation, in accordance with the (SEA) Directive 2001/42/EC. A positive environmental decision was issued for all the sections. With regards to the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and the Birds Directive (79/409/EEC) the Competent Authorities have stated that, the schemes do not run through any Natura 2000 sites with the nearest one being 850 m away (Czerwony Bor PLH00005) and hence will not have a significant impact on them.

#### **EIB notes the following key Environmental and Social outcomes at Project Completion.**

The main potential negative impacts of the investment on environment were increased noise, impact on the wildlife and the amphibians and impact on the landscape.

Promoter has implemented very significant measures to mitigate negative environmental impacts including acoustic screens, fauna crossings, drainage systems and runoff water treatment as well as landscaping.

The following monitoring activities are on-going to minimize potential negative impact of investment on environment:

- Noise measurement-twice a year;
- Post implementation analysis;
- Monitoring of animal passes;
- Monitoring of culverts for amphibians;

The main social issue during the project implementation was an appeal from the owner of a restaurant, located close to the existing alignment, regarding cutting off direct access from the alignment of the new expressway traffic. All court levels have dismissed the complaint and the case is closed.

#### **Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:**

Based on the promoter's reports, the EIB supports the opinion that the project has complied with the environmental regulations applicable to it and has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.