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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	Beskyd Tunnel
Project Number:	20110053
Country:	Ukraine
Project Description:	Construction of a new 1.8 km long twin track rail tunnel on Corridor V in south west Ukraine.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

The environmental and social data sheet is available here:

<https://www.eib.org/en/registers/all/47736013>

EIB notes the following key environmental and social outcomes at project completion.

The project was implemented through a design and build works contract, hence, in accordance with national law, the main contractor prepared a final EIA report as part of the final designs. This final EIA was submitted to the Competent Authority who approved it in May 2013, prior to EIB loan disbursement.

Negative environmental impacts were largely temporary and were mitigated with good construction practice performed by the main contractor and supervised by a qualified third party consulting company and the promoter's own staff.

The footprint of the project was almost exclusively underground with very limited new land take outside the two portals. No residential resettlement materialised.

The northern portal of the project is located about 4 km from the Yavirnyk Forest Nature Reserve. No negative impact on this or other protected areas and species was identified during appraisal. In this respect, in September and October 2015, the Competent Authority for Nature Conservation - the regional Directors of Departments of Ecology and Natural Resources of the two concerned regions of Lviv and Zakarpattia – confirmed this opinion in writing, prior to EIB disbursement.

Overall, the project's impacts on the environment during construction and operation were limited. Transport related GHG emissions, all things equal, should decrease as a result of reduced trip lengths (by avoiding the potential diversion of rail traffic to longer routes) as well as modal shift from road to rail, particularly of containers which are not allowed to pass through the existing tunnel due to its restricted, sub-standard cross section.

Summary opinion of environmental and social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion - based on reports from the promoter, inputs provided by the Supervising Engineer and site visits by the EIB team - that the project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.