



European Investment Bank (EIB)

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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

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| Project Name: | <i>ISTRIAN RIVIERA DEVELOPMENT</i> |
| Project Number: | 2016-0590 |
| Country: | <i>CROATIA</i> |
| Project Description: | The project concerns financing of the three-year capital expenditure programme of a leading Croatian tourism company. The investments will be located mainly in Rabac, City of Labin, Istria. The investment programme focuses primarily on the reconstruction and upgrading of older tourist infrastructure into modern family-oriented holiday facilities, as well as the development of new tourism infrastructure |

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

No significant environment or social issues were noted.

In particular, the schemes included in the loan financed by the EIB were integrated in the city of Labin's urban development plans. The City of Labin, which is the Competent Authority for both EIA and Natura 2000 assessments, had screened out the schemes to be co-financed by the Bank on the grounds that the construction works were exclusively located within the existing boundaries of the sites already operated and owned by, or under concession to, Valamar. As a result, an Environmental Impact Assessment was not required.

In addition the concerned site in Rabac borders a Natura 2000 marine area (HR 3000470) characterised by undersea reefs and sandy bottoms. However, taking into account that the works were located exclusively on land and concerned existing buildings already operated as tourist resort, the Competent Authority provided the promoter a letter stating that the project did not have any significant impact on the bordering protected area (Form A or equivalent) and, as such, a Natura 2000 assessment was not required.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the promoter during construction that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.