



European Investment Bank (EIB)

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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

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| Project Name: | RTE - TRANSMISSION NETWORK UPGRADE |
| Project Number: | 20110629 |
| Country: | France |
| Project Description: | Multi component investment Programme covering the period 2012-2018 aimed at reinforcing the electricity transmission infrastructure of France. It consists of seven electricity transmission projects geographically dispersed throughout France, including the new 400 kV line Cotentin-Maine, reconstruction and capacity increase of the 400 kV line Lonny-Seuil-Vesle (Champagne-Ardenne) and 225 kV line Pratclaux-Riviere (Rhône-Alpes and Auvergne), capacity increase through reconductoring of the 400 kV transmission corridor between Lyon and Montélimar, reinforcement through underground cables of the 225 kV networks supplying the French Riviera and the south of Pays de Loire and installation of shunt capacitors at various locations across France. Overall, the Programme includes 1,184 km of new/reinforced overhead circuits, 163 km of new underground circuits and 3 new substations. |

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

All sub-projects, except the installation of capacitors and the reconductoring Lyon-Montélimar, were subject to a full EIA including public consultation.

At appraisal, due to the fact that the scope of the investment programme included some components (Lonny-Seuil-Vesle, Sud Pays de Loire and Pratclaux-Riviere) that had not yet been granted the corresponding permits (DUP, Déclaration d'Utilité Publique), an undertaking was deemed necessary i.e. the Promoter not to allocate the Bank's funds to components until the corresponding DUP had been granted.

The environmental impact assessment carried out indicate that, with appropriate mitigations in place, no significant long-term impacts are expected to result from construction and operation of the above projects. These mitigations were part of the permits that were granted by the relevant competent authorities. According to the available information, the developers have implemented the subprojects in accordance with their permit requirements and no significant environmental or social issues were noted or notified.

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.