

European Investment Bank (EIB)

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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview	
Project Name:	Greek Motorways
Project Number:	2012-0192
Country:	Greece
Project Description:	The Project consists of priority sections of the Greek Motorway Network (TEN-T), within the investment programme of four restructured concessions.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project consisted of support to the restructured Greek PPP motorway programme by covering eligible expenditure items of the State contribution to the programme. The investments included in the programme comprised the construction of 239 km of new motorways and smaller upgrades on 434 km of existing motorways located on the main transport corridor Patras-Athens-Thessaloniki (PATHE). The final scope of the EIB financed operation did not significantly change in relation to the original project scope, with the exception of the reduction of the greenfield scope, with the removal of the Agios Konstantinos-Kamena Vourla section with about 20 km.

The project was not subject to the SEA Directive 2001/42/EC as its sections have been included in the Greek Motorway Network Plans prior to 2004.

All the works were subject to an environmental impact assessment including public consultation, in accordance with the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU. The physical implementation of the project is materially complete, with all main components executed and in operation.

The Greek State implemented the foreseen mitigation measures during construction and the concessionaires implemented the compensatory, mitigation and protection measures during construction and operation. These measures were mainly related to noise and vibration, visual intrusion and obstruction, air quality, water quality and cultural heritage impacts on the project's greenfield sections. There are some outstanding road safety works, which are part of the normal completion of the project and are not expected to generate any unforeseen environmental impacts. No significant environment or social issues were noted at completion and the project had strong positive impacts on safety.

The EIB has received all the documentary evidence requested at appraisal regarding the pending environmental permits for sections of the Aegean and Ionia-Odos concessions as a disbursement condition. The promoter has also provided documentary evidence of the fulfilment of the Habitats Directive for the sections of the project crossing or in the vicinity of the Natura 2000 areas.



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Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the promoter and inputs provided by Lenders' Supervisors during Construction that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.