



European Investment Bank (EIB)

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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: Cantabria Water Infrastructure
 Project Number: 2012-0155
 Country: Spain
 Project Description: Investments in water distribution (Autovía del Agua) and sanitation (Plan de Saneamientos) in Cantabria, Spain. The sanitation portion of the project is partially included in the Operational Programme Environment (OPE) and cofinanced by FEDER funds.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project concerned an investment programme in water and wastewater works in the autonomous region of Cantabria – Comunidad Autónoma de Cantabria, which is located on the northern coast of Spain. It was divided into two components:

- i) the water supply component, whose main objective was to improve the reliability of the service provided to coastal agglomerations through a continuous water main (Autovía del Agua) parallel to the coast, and the associated infrastructure; and
- ii) on the wastewater side, investments driven by the need to comply with the EU Wastewater Treatment Directive (91/271/EC as amended by 98/15/EC), i.e. wastewater treatment plants for small agglomerations and other wastewater infrastructure (sewers, pumping stations and sewerage networks).

The impact of the project on the environment was assessed based on key European legislation applicable at the time of appraisal, namely EIA Directive 97/11/EC and Habitats Directive 92/43/EC, which had been fully transposed into national and regional law. The *Declaraciones de Impacto Ambiental* (DIAs) for the subprojects *Autovía del Agua*, *Saneamiento y depuración en Comillas Ruiloba* and *Saneamiento y depuración de Ramales, Rasines, Arredondo y Gibaja*, were approved by the competent authority and sent to the Bank. Some components, due to their proximity to protected areas or Natura 2000 sites, included conditions in their DIAs. Based on the information received from the promoter, all environmental conditions were respected during the execution of the works. The promoter has complied with all environmental and social obligations as required under the EIB financed contract. No significant environment or social issues were noted.

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.