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## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

### Overview

Project Name: ACEA Settore Idrico Roma II  
 Project Number: 2014 – 0034  
 Country: Italy  
 Project Description: The project regards selected water and wastewater items from the 2014-2018 investment programme that ACEA will execute as part of its concession contract for the Central Lazio Rome area.

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

Part of the investment was foreseen to improve the water quality of the water source in particular in the northern part of the supply area of the promoter which in some cases had high arsenic content due to volcanic ground formations. Throughout this past investment plan, the promoter has been tackling this issue through the decommissioning of some local sources of supply and their replacement with higher quality springs and the construction of purification water plants (around 40).

The EU published a reasoned opinion on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2019 where it is stated that there are still some infringement cases on the water quality (infringement number 20142125) in 16 supply zones of the Viterbo county of Lazio Region. The vast majority of this county is not part of the service area of the promoter with the exception of a few agglomerations on the fringe of the county border, which are not in infringement situation.

Another part of the investment plan was to address wastewater infringement case (Infringement number 20042034) in the agglomeration Frascati. The EU published a reasoned opinion on the 25<sup>th</sup> of July 2019 where it is stated that there are still some infringement cases on the wastewater directive (infringement number 20172181) in 237 agglomerations in 13 Regions (Abruzzo, Calabria, Campania, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Lazio, Liguria, Lombardia, Marche, Molise, Puglia, Sardegna, Sicilia, and Toscana). The service area of the promoter covers the Central Lazio area where there are still infringement situations. In order to improve the implementation delays of the correction works, an “Extraordinary Commissioner” was appointed in June 2019 for the agglomeration of Rome with the objective of coordinating the various parties involved in the required works. The promoter has today still 28 discharge points which is being corrected through ongoing investments. The European Commission on 7 March 2019 referred Italy to the Court of Justice of the European Union for failure to comply with the obligations laid down by Directive 91/271 / EEC on the treatment of urban waste water.

The promoter identified three subprojects where an environmental impact assessment was required for one, an impact assessment on Natura 2000 areas for another and an annex II type of project for which no environmental impact assessment was required after a preliminary assessment. The three documents (non-technical summary of the full environmental impact assessment for one sub-project, the Natura 2000 assessment for the



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other and the decision of the regional environmental authority related to the non-necessity of an environmental impact assessment for the last sub-project) were submitted to the bank in compliance with the above-mentioned undertakings.

Regarding the first project which required an Environmental Impact Assessment, the main impacts are related to the crossing of a ditch, the crossing of a protected cork oak forest and various roads and networks. The mitigation solution is mostly technical (micro-tunnelling and bridge tubing) and acceptable to the authorities.

Regarding the second sub-project, the assessment concluded that the impacts of the works will not be significant to the Natura 2000 area provided that mitigation actions are followed (the works calendar should respect the natural needs of the identified species in the area for instance).

No significant environment or social issues were noted or reported during implementation, the promoter fulfilled the undertaking requested from them as explained in the paragraph above.

**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.