

European Investment Bank (EIB)

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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: Gruppo Hera Acegas Aps Settore Idrico

Project Number: 2010-0024

Country: Italy

Project Description: Mid 2012 - end 2017 Investment programme in small and

medium sized water and wastewater schemes in the Emilia Romagna, Veneto (Padova) and Friuli Venezia Giulia

(Trieste) regions

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project concerned the 2012-2017 water and wastewater investment programme of the Hera Group in the service areas throughout Emilia Romagna region, in the Padua area (in the Veneto region) and in the Trieste area (in the Friuli Venezia-Giulia region).

The purpose of the investments under the programme was to: (i) upgrade and extend wastewater treatment plants including for the achievement of compliance with the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive 98/83/EC (ii) extend and rationalise water and sewer networks, and (iii) carry out extraordinary maintenance of water and sewage networks and treatment plants.

The promoter performance in the management of the project is considered satisfactory and the promoter ensured access to environmentally relevant information by the public for all investments. All the relevant environmental information has been shared with the Bank.

Overall, the project has brought substantial public health and environmental quality improvements to the concerned regions, notably reduced health hazards from higher quality of the drinking water, and the protection of water bodies from improved wastewater collection and treatment services.

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.