



European Investment Bank (EIB)

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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	SOFIA INTEGRATED URBAN TRANSPORT (FWL 20060411)
Project Number:	20140139
Country:	Bulgaria
Project Description:	Integrated urban transport project promoted by Sofia municipality and co-financed with EU structural funds under the Bulgarian OP Regional Development.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project was part of the Bulgaria Operational Programme Regional Development (OPRD) 2007-2013 and the General Master Plan of Sofia Municipality for which Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA) were concluded, in compliance with EU SEA Directive 2001/42.

From an environmental perspective, the acquisition of trolleybuses did not fall under either Annex I or Annex II of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive 2011/92/EU, which was not applicable to manufacturing of rolling stock. In addition, the tramline infrastructure works, which fell under Annex II of the Directive, had been screened out from a full EIA.

The overall impact of the project on the environment is positive due to modal shift away from private car towards public transport. This reduces negative impacts and contributes to climate change objectives.

No significant environmental 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.