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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: EVIDES WATER SUPPLY
 Project Number: 2014-0072
 Country: The Netherlands
 Project Description: Support for Evides' capital investment programme aimed at maintaining the quality and functionality of its water and distribution pipelines, basins and production installations among others.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The investment programme consisted of Evides' capital expenditures for infrastructure renewal, upgrades and extensions for the period 2014-2018. The main line items concerned conveyor pipelines; distribution networks; water treatment and storage facilities, pumping stations, water meters, and ICT items. The investments aimed at maintaining the quality and security of the drinking water supply, including compliance with environmental service standards set by EU and national legislation (EU Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC and Drinking Water Directive 98/83/EC).

The investments generally had neutral or net positive effects for the environment. The project also created indirect health benefits through a secured water supply. The interventions were generally small and geographically dispersed. Some minor negative impacts were mitigated during construction works (dust, noise, traffic).

The activities included in the investment programme did not fall under Annex I or II of the EIA Directive. . In particular, only for one component ("Bergsche Maas" scheme, formerly called "Spijkerboor" at the Brabantse Biesbosch reservoirs) an EIA screening has been carried out and the result was that this component was screened out although it ultimately was not realised under this project. According to the Promoter, none of the other programme's components required a full EIA nor EIA screening.

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.