



European Investment Bank (EIB)

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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	HOCHWASSER- UND KUESTENSCHUTZ NIEDERSACHSEN
Project Number:	2014-0227
Country:	Germany
Project Description:	Financing of investments into flood and coastal protection measures in the Federal State of Lower Saxony ("Bundesland Niedersachsen")

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project mainly concerned the investment programme 2015 – 2018 of the Federal State of Lower Saxony into flood and coastal protection works, as well as support to groundwater protection and nature conservation activities.

The project was justified through the need to comply, amongst others, with the EU Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC, the Marine Strategy Framework Directive 2008/56/EU, and the Flood Directive 2007/60/EC.

Some of the sub-projects fell under Annex I or II of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU. Some of the sub-projects were close to or in Natura 2000 sites. The Promoter complied with the requirements of EU EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU, as well as with the Habitats and Birds Directives (92/43/CEE and 79/409/EC).

The Promoter carried out Environmental Impact Assessment and/or Appropriate Assessment procedures where required by the competent authorities and mitigating measures were applied as appropriate. All relevant screening decisions and EIA studies were published on the following official website of the Federal State:

<https://uvp.niedersachsen.de/portal/>

No significant environment or social issues were reported.

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.