



European Investment Bank (EIB)

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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: Ports Normands Associés

Project Number: 20140076

Country: France

Project Description:

Extension, development and renovation of port facilities at Cherbourg primarily to support the development of marine renewable energy projects (offshore wind farms and hydro turbines) and renovation of lock walls and gates at Caen-Ouistreham.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project consisted of extension, redevelopment and renovation works at the existing ports of Cherbourg and Caen-Ouistreham. The major works are the 220 m extension of an existing quay and the 39 ha reclamation to extend the Port of Cherbourg to support the construction and subsequent maintenance of planned offshore wind and tidal-energy farms. Other components are also included in the project, not only at Cherbourg but also at Caen-Ouistreham sites. The works at Caen-Ouistreham are the renovation of the walls and gates to the lock at Ouistreham.

The main project components, the 220 m extension of an existing quay and 39 ha reclamation to extend the Port of Cherbourg, fell under Annex I of Directive 2011/92/EU and full EIA's were mandatory. The EIA's were carried out in line with national legislation. The corresponding environmental permits have been issued by the competent authorities and received by the Bank.

A declaration of no-significant effects on Natura 2000 sites issued by the Competent Authority has been received by the Bank's services. The Promotor has confirmed before each disbursement that the Bank's funds would only be used for implementation of components that have received the necessary environmental approvals.

The Promotor has informed the Bank that there is an ongoing litigation regarding the possible impact of the dredging works on fish and shellfish farms. The Promotor will be requested to inform the Bank on the outcome of this procedure. The Bank will follow this up on an annual basis and take the outcome into consideration.

The Promotor has provided a mid-term Progress report during implementation of the project and has not reported any significant environment or social issues during implementation.

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.