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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: TMVW - SEWER NETWORK UPGRADE
 Project Number: 2013-0400
 Country: Belgium
 Project Description: Rehabilitation and extension of the municipal sewer networks in the areas served by TMVW in the provinces of East- and West-Flanders and Flemish Brabant.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The main objective of the programme was to increase the municipal sewer connection rate in the service area of TMVW, reduce the risks of sewer overflows and improve storm water management. The programme also targeted compliance with environmental service standards set by EU and national legislation (EU Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC and Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive 91/271/EC).

The Programme was environmentally driven and therefore had predominantly positive effects on the environment. It contributed to reduce aquifer pollution by increasing the sewer connection rate in the Flemish Region and by repairing broken sewers, and to lower the probability of traffic disruptions and subsidence of buildings by avoiding the collapse of sewer segments.

The Promoter complied with the requirements of EU EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, as well as Article 6 of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC.

The Promoter informed EIB that none of the 347 schemes that were eventually financed under the Programme required an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

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.