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## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

### Overview

Project Name: *ELLEVIO DISTRIBUTION NETWORK INVESTMENTS*

Project Number: 2015-0820

Country: *Sweden*

Project Description: The 3-year programme comprised investment schemes in electricity distribution networks. The investments focus on maintaining and improving security of supply, renewing aging assets, weather-proofing rural networks by replacing overhead lines with underground cables, preparing the network for receiving more wind power, and continuing installing smart meters.

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project is a typical multi-component investment programme, comprising the development of multiple distribution facilities dispersed all over the concession area, from 220 kV down to low voltage (230 V), including underground cables, overhead lines, substations and transformers, as well as metering and communication equipment.

At completion, the Promoter reported that for all the schemes constructed under the programme all the required approvals decisions and permits were obtained during the administrative process. Some programme schemes fell under Annex II of the EIA Directive (2011/92/EU), which required the competent authority to determine the need for a full EIA. According to the information provided by the Promoter, eleven schemes were subject to a full EIA. These schemes concerned mainly new HV overhead lines to connect wind parks or the undergrounding of existing overhead lines. The EIA's have been conducted and formal decisions from the County board (Länsstyrelsen) and the Regulator (Energimarknadsinspektionen) were received ahead of project start. The mitigation measures include vegetation management, routing along already existing line corridors and traffic limitations.

No significant environmental or social issues were reported during the implementation. There was no significant change in GHG emissions when compared to what was reported at appraisal.

**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.