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## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)<sup>1</sup>

### Overview

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| Project Name:        | <i>PREŠOV REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE II</i>   |
| Project Number:      | <i>2014-0489</i>   |
| Country:             | <i>Slovakia</i>  |
| Project Description: | <i>Regional framework loan to Prešov Region (Eastern Slovakia) supporting its development strategy and investment programme dedicated to public infrastructure in the area of regional roads, education, social care and cultural facilities</i> |

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The Project, structured as a multi-sector Framework Loan to the Prešov Region in the Slovak Republic, financed investments in public infrastructure and services including roads, education, social care and cultural facilities, in line with the 'Economic and social development programme of the Prešov Region 2008-2015'<sup>2</sup>. The Project encompassed schemes benefitting from the EU grants and schemes, financed entirely from the Region's own budget.

The Project supported 196 underlying small schemes, out of which 34 schemes in the fields of culture, education and social care, and 162 schemes dedicated to the construction and upgrade of roads and bridges. No scheme required an EIA or was located within/impacted a NATURA 2000 site or any other nature conservation site as per Promoter's submitted information during the allocation procedure.

No significant environment or social issues were noted during the monitoring of the Project.

According to the Promoter, in the case of all road development and modernisation schemes, appropriate construction and organisational procedures were put in place, including:

- the use of appropriate technologies and procedures to reduce noise and vibration,
- favoring the use of construction machinery with lower noise levels (e.g. in residential areas or protected areas, etc.),
- interruption of work with construction machinery at intervals in accordance with the applicable legislation,
- regular sprinkling and covering of bulk materials, covering protected objects, fencing off the construction site, use of hooded traffic routes during demolition works, construction of paved roads,

<sup>1</sup> The template is for ILs and FLs.

<sup>2</sup> The Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) statement for the Programme of Economic and Social Development of the Prešov Self-Governing Region for the period 2014 - 2020" (PHSR PSK 2014 - 2020) was issued on 25 April 2016. All SEA process documents are published online: [https://www.pokraj.sk/files/dokumenty/Rozvojove-dokumenty-PSK/PHSR\\_PSK\\_2014-2020/phsr\\_psk\\_2014-2020\\_v1\\_zaverecne-stanovisko.pdf](https://www.pokraj.sk/files/dokumenty/Rozvojove-dokumenty-PSK/PHSR_PSK_2014-2020/phsr_psk_2014-2020_v1_zaverecne-stanovisko.pdf).



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- the use of construction machinery in good technical condition to prevent over-emissions of exhaust gases, and
- ensuring protection of the surrounding vegetation against damage.

The construction supervisor and the chief construction engineer supervised the elimination of possible negative impacts of the construction works on the environment during the entire construction period, monitored the waste management in compliance with applicable legislation, performed visual inspection of individual components of the environment to check whether there was any pollution and negative impact on the population due to noise, vibration and dust. In case of negative findings or violations, remedy measures were applied.

For projects in the vicinity of watercourses (reconstruction of bridges), the scheme documentation included the opinion of the Research Institute of Water Management, which is responsible for conducting the primary assessment of the impact on the surface and groundwater bodies in the context of environmental objectives as set by the Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy. .

During the implementation of the schemes, applicable regulations for ensuring the protection of groundwater and surface water were observed. There was no contamination of water, nor did construction works affect the flow, regime and water quality.

The Promoter delivered to the Bank a confirmation through the allocation procedure that a) the schemes have no significant impact on nature sites of Community Importance or their equivalents and b) no EIAs were required.

**Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:**

Based on reports from the Promoter, the EIB is of the opinion that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.