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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	Siekierkowska Route Extension
Project Number:	2014-0421 FL(2013-0619)
Country:	Poland
Project Description:	Modernisation of 4.8 km of the Marsa-Zolnierska Street (Siekierkowska Route) from Naddnieprzanska Street to the city border in the City of Warsaw.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project represents a major allocation under the framework operation Warsaw Municipal Infrastructure IV (2013-0619), which include key road infrastructure investments in Warsaw. It forms part of a broader program to complete an inner ring road and contributes to the city's 'Strategy for Sustainable Development of the Transport System of Warsaw for 2015 and subsequent years' of 2009, which has been subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

The specific project purpose is to reduce congestion on the Marsa-Zolnierska Route in Eastern Warsaw and create better separation between long-distance transit traffic and local traffic, including vulnerable road users. Road safety is also expected to improve on the affected roads.

The project is completed and in operation. It includes an elevated highway on the southern section, a fly-over for northbound traffic, an interchange between Zolnierska and Czwartakow Street. The additional lanes were constructed within the existing central reserve.

The project includes facilities for cyclists, pedestrians and the disabled, to contribute to better accessibility and safety for all road users, which appear to be implemented in line with current Polish standards. A pedestrian and bicycle path was constructed on the eastern side of Zolnierska Street, a sidewalk on the western side, and a bridge for pedestrians and cyclists over Zolnierska Street to connect the Wygoda residential area with the Mazowiecki Park. A crossing for wildlife was also constructed to connect the forest areas on both sides of Zolnierska Street. Acoustic screens were erected to reduce noise in accordance with Polish regulations.

The project falls under Annex II of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive (2011/92/EU). It was according to the Polish Environmental Protection Law classified as a project that could have considerable environmental impact on the environment and as such screened-in for environmental impact assessment by the President of the Capital City of Warsaw (Decision 643/OS/2006), the competent authority for decisions on environmental considerations in Warsaw.



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An EIA was conducted and the Environmental Decision issued on 25th February 2008 by the competent authority. The environmental decision was confirmed in 2012 (Decision 108/OS/2012). The decision concluded that the investment was consistent with the Polish Environmental Protection Law and the requirements arising from separate Polish regulations. It also outlined the conditions under which the project should be implemented. The Promoter has confirmed that these have been fulfilled.

The competent authority issued a statement that there was no risk of significant impact on any Natura 2000 area. The forest surrounding the road does not have Natura 2000 status, and the project is not located in the vicinity of any Natura 2000 areas. On 3rd June 2015, the Regional Environment Protection director in Warsaw issued a statement similar to the Habitats Directive Form A, which states that there is no risk of significant impact on any Natura 2000 area and no further assessments required.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

In 2007, the non-governmental organisation Zielone Mazowsz (Green Masovia) lodged a complaint concerning their request for participation as a party in the administrative proceedings on issuance of the environmental decision. The complaint was dismissed because it came after the deadline for the public hearings had ended.

A planned fly-over for south-west bound traffic towards the city centre in the intersection between Zolnierska and Marsa Street required access to a piece of land, which eventually could not be acquired. The intersection layout was adapted accordingly i.e. without a flyover for the mentioned traffic direction.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion

Based on the information received from the Promoter, EIB supports the opinion that the project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards applicable at the time of appraisal.