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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)¹

Overview

Project Name: *PLK WARSAW RAILWAY NODE PHASE 1*
 Project Number: *2014-0434*
 Country: *POLAND*
 Project Description: *Modernisation of 44.3 km of railway line as part of a phased upgrade of the Warsaw Rail Node*

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project was conducted in three components:

- **Component 1** consisted of the second phase of the modernisation of the Warszawa Gdańska railway station;
- **Component 2** consisted of the modernisation the railway lines Warszawa Gołabki/Warszawa Zachodnia - Warszawa Gdańska (lines No 20, 507 and 509), including the construction of a new halt in Warszawa Powązki;
- **Component 3** consisted of the modernisation of the railway line Warszawa Włochy - Grodzisk Mazowiecki (line No 447), including the construction of a new halt in Parzniew.

The project forms part of the Polish Railway Master Plan to 2030, the Infrastructure & Environment Operational Program 2014-2020 and the Transport Development Strategy to 2020 (with perspective to 2030). These three programmes have been subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) as set out in Directive 2001/42/EC.

The project falls under Annex II of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive (Directive 2011/92/EU) as the works consisted largely of modernization of existing lines and equipment without any material change to the physical footprint of the assets. In accordance with the Polish legislation, the main project components were automatically screened in and therefore subject to a full EIA procedure.

For the Component 1, an EIA procedure was carried out in 2007 - 2008 and the Competent Authority issued an environmental approval in July 2008.

For the modernisation of the railway lines in project component 2 and 3, an EIA was undertaken in 2010 - 2011 and in April 2012 the Competent Authority issued an environmental approval. However, at the environmental approval stage, the Competent Authority also required a supplemental environmental assessment to be conducted at the building permit stage. Completion of this procedure was an EIB loan disbursement condition and the requirement was fulfilled by the promoter.

The project does not cross any Natura 2000 site.

¹ The template is for ILs and FLs



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The project's environmental documentation from the time of appraisal is available at: <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/pipelines/all/20140434>

Works related to Component 3 were audited by the by the Mazowieckie Provincial Environmental Protection Inspector as regards compliance with waste management rules by entities producing waste from wooden sleepers and treating that waste. The audit report found irregularities in the correct classification of wooden sleepers by the material qualification committee. Furthermore, the audit report noted the long period between the physical dismantling of the sleepers and their demolition. In addition, an irregularity was found in the form of incorrect waste management on land rented by the Contractor, which served as a storage of the contractor's materials. However, the irregularities in question were not classified as infringements by the authority.

EIB notes the following key Environmental and Social aspects to be monitored during operations:

For components 1 and 2, a post-implementation analysis is currently being carried out in accordance with the terms of the environmental decision.

In relation to component 3 and as required by the environmental decision, an analysis of the acoustic impact during 18 months after project completion is to be conducted. This analysis is currently being carried out.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

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