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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: NAHVERKEHR Hamburg II

Project Number: 20140570

Country: Germany

Project Description: The project comprises the extension of approximately 1.3 km of metro line 4 to connect the Eastern area of the HafenCity urban development in the city of Hamburg as well as a large number of small schemes involving reconstruction and rehabilitation of Hamburg's metro infrastructure. The project also includes upgrading measures and improvements in accessibility for persons with reduced mobility (PRM).

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The Promoter complied with the requirements of EU EIA Directive 2011/92/EU transposed into the German legislation of the "Gesetz über die Umweltverträglichkeitsprüfung UVPG" and Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC transposed into the German legislation of the "Bundesnaturschutzgesetz BNatSchG".¹

For the extension of metro line 4, which fell under Annex II of the EU directive, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was prepared; the resulting environmental and construction planning decision (Planfeststellungsbeschluss) identified only minor temporary impacts to be expected during the construction period.

The large number of small schemes (signalling, barrier-free upgrade of stations, etc.) which was carried out within existing metro lines and stations in operation did not fall under the EU EIA directive; minor disturbances during construction were adequately mitigated.

As stated in the EIA and the subsequent planning decision the project had no adverse effects on any sensitive areas, the nearest Natura 2000 area is located more than 3 km southeast of the project site.

The promoter completion report concluded that no residual adverse environmental impacts resulted from the implementation of the project.

The project had an overall positive impact on the environment by increasing Hamburg's public transport attractiveness, thus maintaining and promoting a modal shift from private vehicle to public transport use. Numerous metro stations were upgraded for barrier-free access of persons with reduced mobility.

¹ The legislation referred to is the one applicable at appraisal of the project



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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.