



European Investment Bank (EIB)

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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	SOFIA MUNICIPALITY METRO LINE 3 STAGE I
Project Number:	2017-0757
Country:	Bulgaria
Project Description:	An investment loan to Sofia Municipality for the construction of the first stage of Sofia Metro Line 3. The project is a twin-track metro line approximately 7.8km in length and includes 8 metro stations, a train depot and the supply of associated rolling stock (20 trains) and control system

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 classified under Annex II of the EIA Directive (2011/92/EU) and following decisions No. 10-PR/2013 and No. 10-PR/2015 the project was screened out by the competent authority from requiring a full environmental impact assessment (EIA).

In line with the screening-out decisions, during implementation several environmental mitigation measures were undertaken allowing for the protection of local trees, ground settlement, prevention and control of release of pollutants as well as the reduction of noise and vibrations related impacts from construction vehicles. Monitoring systems were implemented to monitor ground settlements, groundwater quality, noise levels and air quality. Temporary diversion routes for freight road transport were approved by the competent authority and implemented accordingly. The promoter reported no significant incidents during construction. The project has been completed and is operational since August 2020.

Expropriations were limited to approximately one hectare and were conducted in compliance with Bulgarian regulation.

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.