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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	SBGE-BRUSSELS SOUTH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
Project Number:	2013-0497
Country:	Belgium
Project Description:	The project concerns (i) the comprehensive adaptation and modernization of the South Brussels Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), and (ii) the construction of wastewater infrastructures. This investment programme was carried out for the Société Bruxelloise de Gestion de l'Eau (SBGE) during the 2014-2021 period.

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 beneficial for the environment of the Brussels Region and for the environment in general, with the following positive impacts:

- Improvement to reach compliance with the relevant directives for the quality of discharge from the South Brussels WWTP,
- Reduction of discharge of untreated wastewater into surface waters,
- Flood protection,
- Improvement of the living environment of residents.

The adaptation and modernization of the South Brussels Wastewater Treatment Plant and the construction of wastewater infrastructure improved the collection and treatment of wastewater (including stormwater) in an area classified as sensitive, thus contributing to reaching compliance with the Water Framework Directive 2000/60/CE (WFD).

The project fell under Annex I of European Directive 2011/92/EU (amended by Directive 2014/92/EU) and was therefore the subject of an Environmental Impact Study (EIA), including public consultations in accordance with the directive.

The project did not fall under Directive 2001/42/EC relating to the assessment of the impacts of certain plans and programs on the environment, as it concerns the bringing into conformity of an existing wastewater treatment plant and not of a program.

According to the promoter's final report, the project made it possible to considerably improve the performance of the wastewater treatment plant in compliance with the Water Framework Directive 2000/60/CE. In fact, a performance campaign held in 2021 showed that average loads were relatively low, which leaves capacity reserves for the future.

No environmental or social problems are to be reported on this project.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

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