



European Investment Bank (EIB)

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## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

### Overview

Project Name:	NORDLINK HVDC PROJECT
Project Number:	2015-0911
Country:	Germany and Norway
Project Description:	The Project concerned the implementation of a bipolar High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) link interconnecting Norway and Germany across the North Sea. The Project has a rated capacity of 1400 MW, terminal voltage of $\pm 515$ kV and a total route length of 624 km. The submarine route of the Project crosses German, Danish and Norwegian waters.

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The Project started operation on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021; it was implemented in line with the original scope.

At appraisal the permit to install the cables of the Project in the Danish EEZ had expired and the final permit for the construction and the operation of the converter station in Wilster (Germany) was pending. Both permits have been renewed/granted in 2017. The final environmental monitoring reports of the ecological surveyor requested under the planning permit have been provided to the Bank at completion. They did not highlight any unresolved environmental issue.

The German cable corridor passed through ecologically sensitive areas. According to German law, compensating measures in relation to the residual impacts were stipulated in the planning permit and have been reassessed at completion considering the actual areas used during the Project works. The post-accounting has identified the need for additional compensations that have been implemented either in the form of compensation payments or via the designation of compensation areas.

Overall, in their reporting to the EIB, the Promoters did not highlight any significant environmental or social issue.

There is no change in the carbon footprint of the Project calculated at appraisal.

#### **Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:**

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