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## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

### Overview

Project Name:	WARSAW RING ROAD III
Project Number:	2014-0734
Country:	Poland
Project Description:	Construction of the 18.6 km south-eastern quadrant of the Warsaw Ring road.

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project involved the construction of a new expressway in an urban, suburban, agricultural and forest environment. The project falls under Annex I of EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, as amended, requiring a full EIA. The project had been subject to a procedure resulting in the Environmental Decision granted in April 2011. At least three supplemental EIAs were expected to be performed at the building permit stage during 2015-2016. The availability of Bank funds were conditional on receipt of the supplemental EIAs. The supplemental EIAs were prepared for all three sections and covered potential changes deriving from final detailed design and/or regulatory changes since the 2011 ED. They were approved by responsible national authorities by issuing supplemental environmental impact assessment (SEIA) decision within the development permit procedure (ZRID) and shared with the Bank.

A number of legal cases challenging the EIA procedure took place before the appraisal; none of them was pending before the building permit stage. There were several complaints and disputes after the publication of the ZRIDs decision with some of them launched during the project implementation. They were followed by relevant authorities and led to the changes in ZRID for all three sections.

The project scope has not changed fundamentally. Only minor water retaining structures, two animal culvert passages, three animal flyovers and one farm passage were added to the project scope during its implementation. The new components have neutral or positive environmental and social impacts. Notably, the newly added passages for animals benefit local fauna in the outskirts of Warsaw.

The entire project road has been open to traffic since 21 December 2021, following the substantial completion of the project. As part of the operation, the air quality in the Ursynow tunnel is closely monitored and the need for enhancing air ventilation system is being assessed.

As part of the contract for environmental monitoring, the impacts on the population of birds, amphibians, butterflies and bats will be monitored, starting in 2023. A post-implementation assessment on the impact of project on noise, air and soil is planned for 2023.

Road safety audits at various stages of design, pre-commissioning, and after opening to traffic, were performed in accordance with Polish legislation. Road accident records available for the project road show a positive impact of the project on road safety. The project led to a land take in the amount of 198 ha (less than planned) and to the expropriation of 134 building (residential and outbuildings) (slightly more than planned). The expropriations were conducted in



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accordance with applicable national laws and regulations. There are no unresolved resettlements but some compensation cases are still pending due to undetermined legal status of real estate or lengthy compensation appeal proceedings.

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

The EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the promoter, and/or inputs provided by lenders' supervisors and others, where applicable, that the project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.