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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	POLAND ROAD MODERNISATION III
Project Number:	2014-0269
Country:	Poland
Project Description:	The programme comprises the construction of 14 small and medium scale bypass road schemes totalling 175.6 km in Poland. A total of seven 2x1 and seven 2x2 road investment schemes designed with adequate engineering and safety measures is proposed. The investments are part of the Road Investment Programme for the years 2014 to 2020.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project scope consists of fourteen bypasses or project sections with the following main features:

No	Sections	Length (km)	Carriageway
1	Brodnica bypass (road no.15)	1.5	2x1
2	Inowrocław bypass (road no.15)	18.1	2x2
3	Wieluń bypass (road no.8/74)	13.2	(2+1)x1
4	Bełchatów bypass (road no.8/74)	10.9	(2+1)x1
5	Ostrów Wlkp. bypass (stg. II, road no.S11)	12.8	2x2
6	Jarocin bypass (road no.S11)	13.1	2x2
7	Góra Kalwaria bypass (road no.50/79)	9.0	2x2
8	Olsztyn bypass	24.7	2x2
8.1	Olsztyn Zach. - Olsztyn Płd. (road no.16)	10.0	2x2
8.2	Olsztyn Wschód - Olsztyn Płd. (road no.S51)	14.7	2x2
9	Kłodzko bypass (road no.33 and 46)	11.5	2x1
10	Nysa bypass (road no. 41/46)	16.5	(2+1)x1
11	Kościerzyna bypass (road no.20)	7.6	(2+1)x1
12	Sanok bypass (road no.28)	6.9	(2+1)x1
13	Wałcz bypass (road no.S10)	17.8	2x2
14	Szczecinek bypass (road no.S11)	12.0	2x2
Total		175.6	



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The schemes were part of the National Road Investment Program, which was subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment in compliance with Directive 2001/42/EC. The schemes fall under the requirements of Annex I or Annex II of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive 2014/52/EU, and were screened in by the Competent Authorities and have been the subject of full EIAs, including public consultation.

In accordance with Polish law, the promoter undertook additional supplementary environmental procedures, necessary to support the building permit applications. Supplemental environmental decisions were issued for all sections over the period from December 2009 to October 2017.

During project implementation, several appeals against the construction permits and/or environmental decision were filled with the Ministry or at different judicial instances. The appeals referred to the Góra Kalwaria bypass, the Kłodzko bypass and the Szczecinek bypass. All the appeals were dismissed, with the only exception of an appeal against the construction permit for Kłodzko bypass, where Minister's approval in February 2017 implied the implementation of minor changes.

The schemes were required to comply with the requirements of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and Birds Directive (79/409/EEC). Formal declarations confirming the lack of significant impact on Natura 2000 sites signed by the Competent Authority (Form's A), were issued for all sections over the period from April 2010 to January 2016. Six of the schemes have no Natura 2000 sites nearby. Four schemes have Natura 2000 sites located between 500 m and 1.5 km away, while four sites directly interfaces with Natura 2000 areas. These are Olsztyn, Góra Kalwaria, Sanok and Wałcz bypasses.

After project implementation, the environmental impacts of the bypasses have been subject to monitoring analyses. These post-implementation analyses started in November 2017 and are still ongoing for several sections. Different monitoring activities are also taking place in relation to noise and vibration, water quality, animal passages, culverts functioning, electromagnetic fields, rain and meltwater pollution, tree plantations, etc. No additional mitigation activities have been imposed so far.

Road safety audits at various stages of design, pre-commissioning, and after opening to traffic have been performed in accordance with Polish legislation. The audits were followed by recommendations that have been partially implemented. The promoter provided explanations on alternative measures, where recommendations were not followed.

For this project, about 5734 plots were acquired and about 1780 ha of land were purchased. The expropriations were conducted in accordance with applicable national laws and regulations.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

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.