



European Investment Bank (EIB)

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## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

### Overview

Project Name:	CEZ Distribution Network Upgrade
Project Number:	2019-0013
Country:	Czech Republic
Project Description:	The programme comprises investment schemes in the electricity distribution network in the Czech Republic over the period 2019-2020. It encompasses reinforcements and refurbishments in medium and low voltage networks, mainly targeting at maintaining the quality of supply and connecting new users.

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The programme consisted of Medium Voltage (MV) and Low Voltage (LV) schemes, geographically dispersed in the area served by the promoter. MV and LV schemes do not fall under either Annex I or II of the EIA Directive, and under Czech legislation fall below the threshold for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening (110 kV).

The environmental undertakings included in the Finance Contract required the promoter to store and keep updated all EIA screening decisions concerning the programme schemes, make sure that programme schemes undergo biodiversity screening in accordance with the Habitats Directive, store and keep updated any documentation that may be relevant and that supports compliance with the Habitats Directive, and not to allocate the Bank's funds to schemes that require an EIA and/or an Appropriate Assessment (AA) until the EIA and/or the AA have been finalised and approved by the competent authority. According to reporting from the promoter, no EIAs or AAs were required.

The promoter did not report any environmental or social issues during the implementation of the Project.

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

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