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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: MODERNISATION TRAM TRACKS IN KOSICE (FL20140465)
Project Number: 2018-0412
Country: Slovakia
Project Description: *The project consists of the design, construction and commissioning of the renewal and modernization of the tracks and catenary infrastructure of the double tram lines in a total length of 7.9 km and upgrading of crossings and turning terminals in the city of Kosice.*

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 part of a comprehensive investment program to rehabilitate and improve the public transport service in the city of Kosice which included the tram tracks renewal. This project consisted of modernisation of existing tram tracks and catenaries in the City of Kosice which have been degraded over the recent decades due to lack of investments in both rolling stock and infrastructure.

The project is in line with the National Transport Plan approved by the Slovak Government, and it is also identified as one of the main priorities of the Kosice City Transport Masterplan of 2016. Both plans have been subject to an SEA and both documents have been made publicly available.

The project fell under Annex II of the EIA Directive. The Competent Authority did not see any potential negative impacts on the environment and the public health. No authority or member of the public concerned requested that the project should follow the full EIA process. Consequently, the EIA screening was done in 2015 and the Competent Authority screened out the project.

The works were complete by the time of the Bank's appraisal and it has been implemented in the period 2016- 2018.

The re-construction of tram tracks has taken place outside the Historical City Centre and within existing road corridors, and the surrounding urban environment is deemed not particularly environmentally sensitive. Mitigation measures set during the multistage development consent procedure and implemented during the project development can be summarised as follows: noise barriers and vibration adjustments.

The contractors chosen had suitable experience in construction in urban areas, and ongoing monitoring of environmental impacts was undertaken. During the construction phase, a replacement bus service was secured for the passengers.



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There were no particular environmental impact concerns. The project did not affect any protected areas, respectively their protection zones, as the project consisted of tram infrastructure within existing streets and urban zones. There were no declared or proposed large-scale and small-scale protected areas or territories of European network of protected areas NATURA 2000 in the vicinity (the closest site was 3 km far).

The project contributes to an overall improvement of the urban environment by encouraging the use of public transport in a congested urban area. The renewal of the tram infrastructure participates to reduced noise and pollution by encouraging a shift to public transport use. In addition, the investment has the capacity to improve the quality of public transport services, helping thus reduce reliance on private cars and maintain or increase public transport share.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

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