



European Investment Bank (EIB)

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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)¹

Overview

Project Name:	CAPE VERDE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAMME
Project Number:	2018-0600
Country:	CAPE VERDE
Project Description:	The project concerns the promoter's investments in Cape Verde to increase the availability and quality of mobile and fixed high speed broadband services (based on 3G, 4G and FTTx) as well as the construction and installation of a submarine cable branch for linking Cape Verde with a Latin America to Europe submarine cable system.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

No significant negative environmental and social impacts were noted. On the other hand, the project resulted in the enhancement of the country's digital infrastructure which helped mitigate the effects of the covid-19 pandemic and increases the country's economic resilience.

The submarine cable components of the projects were identified at the time of appraisal as subject to a screening decision. The project was screened in by the competent authority and a copy of the the EIA approved by the competent authority and satisfactory to the Bank were submitted to the Bank as per contractual condition.

The promoter selected the landing point and cable route in territorial waters as part of the desktop study and site survey based on operational and environmental aspects. Only short term and localized impacts during implementation were identified and with negligible residual impact after mitigation. The promoter presented the findings to the competent environmental authority (Direcao Nacional do Ambiente), which provided its non-objection to the project.

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.

¹ The template is for ILs and FLs