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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)¹

Overview

Project Name:	PROXIMUS FIBER FOR BELGIUM
Project Number:	2017-0832
Country:	BELGIUM
Project Description:	The project related to the design, building, operating and commercialisation of a very and ultra-high speed fixed broadband telecommunications network, mainly relying on the Fibre-to-the-Home (FTTH).

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project related to the design, building, operating and commercialisation of a very and ultra-high speed fixed broadband telecommunications network, mainly relying on the Fibre-to-the-Home (FTTH) and Fibre-to-the-Business (FTTB) technology, starting from 2018 to the end of 2020. The goal was to reach additional coverage of 10% of the residential and 38% of the enterprise addressable units in Belgium, leading to an increase of 487 000 homes and 57 810 businesses passed. In addition, the project included fibre deployment to street cabinets in rural zones, necessary IT development, backbone upgrade to sustain the increasing bandwidth usage, fibre customer premise equipment (CPE's) and Cybersecurity enhancements to secure the infrastructure.

The residual project risks were low. The deployment of fixed telecommunications systems had limited environmental effects, apart from disturbances during civil work constructions, which have been mitigated by appropriate measures. In order to minimize the impact during construction, the promoter made use of existing infrastructure to the extent possible.

No significant environment or social issues were noted.

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