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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	RFI INVESTIMENTI RETE
Project Number:	2015-0469
Country:	ITALY
Project Description:	The project consisted of a large number of railway infrastructure schemes throughout Italy. The schemes are included in the Programme Contract for Investments between the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport ("MIT") and Rete Ferroviaria Italiana ("RFI") aiming to provide the necessary investments to ensure high safety, environmental and performance standards on the Italian railway network. Schemes financed by the Bank targeted level crossing protection, noise abatement, hydrogeological and seismic risk mitigation, tunnel safety as well as station accessibility and security.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project consisted of hundreds of relatively small schemes, all of them included in the Investment part of the Programme Contract between the Ministry of Transport and RFI for 2012-2016 ("Contratto di Programma MIT-RFI 2012-2016 Parte Investimenti").

The schemes aimed at railway infrastructure improvements in the following areas:

- Safety improvements in tunnels and at level crossings;
- Installation of noise barriers;
- Accessibility improvements of railway stations;
- Mitigation of hydrological and seismic risk;
- Security improvements in railway stations, tunnels and on the whole railway network.

These relatively small investments are located throughout the Italian railway network. Most of the schemes included in the project were implemented within the existing right of way, and the overall land acquisition for the project was very limited.

Due to their nature, i.e. improvements of existing infrastructure and installation of new equipment, most of the schemes do not fall under Annex I or Annex II of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive (2011/92/EU as amended by 2014/52/EU), and do not have significant impacts on any Natura 2000 sites or protected species.

The Promoter analysed the schemes on a case-by-case basis. For the few schemes falling under the requirements of the EIA Directive or requiring an assessment according to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive, the Promoter complied with national and EU environmental legislation and received the necessary authorisations granted by the Competent Authority.



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The minor residual negative impacts of the project during construction were managed through standard mitigation measures implemented by the promoter.

The promoter managed hazardous waste, such as dismantled wooden sleepers soaked with oil, according to the applicable environmental legislation, best practice, and its ISO 14001 certification.

The promoter's capacity in managing environmental procedures is satisfactory.

The project contributed to improvements in safety, reliability, efficiency, accessibility, and overall sustainability of the railway network as well as to preventing modal shift from rail to road and air.

No significant environment or social issues were noted during the implementation.

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.