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## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)<sup>1</sup>

### Overview

Project Name: Cologne Trade Fair Investment Programme 2021  
 Project Number: 2016-0206  
 Country: Germany  
 Project Description: The project concerns the financing of an investment programme in the years 2015-2021 to upgrade and modernise the city's trade and exhibition centre, Koelnmesse, which is located in the inner city of Cologne.

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The Project concerned the Cologne trade fair and exhibition centre. It involved the first phase of a larger investment programme, including the modernisation of the existing trade fair facilities and the construction of new buildings.

The venue is located in the inner city along the East side of the Rhine in a major urban development area. The Project was aligned with broader urban development plans, as it was and still is an important contributor to the city's economy.

The new buildings increased exhibitor capacity and consequently the venue has now the capacity to attract more visitors. The construction of a multi-storey car park with a direct connection to the motorway and the logistics area with new digital solutions, contributed to improving the overall accessibility to the venue and alleviated traffic in the surrounding area.

Existing buildings were upgraded, and energy efficiency measures were implemented, including new insulation, connection to the district heating system, and the installation of a gas fired heat-driven cogeneration plant, which contributed to improving the energy performance of the buildings.

Given the nature of the investments, an EIA was not required.

No separate social impact assessment was carried out at the time of project appraisal. The overall social impact of the Project at completion is considered positive, given the resulting upgrade of trade fair and exhibition facilities of a very large complex located in an urban development area.

The institutional capacity of the Promoter to manage environmental and social issues was confirmed at project completion as being good.

### 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.

<sup>1</sup> The template is for ILs and FLs