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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	CEPS Transmission Grid
Project Number:	2014-0245
Country:	Czech Republic
Project Description:	A multi-component investment programme covering the period 2014-2018, aiming at reinforcing and modernising the electricity transmission network of the Czech Republic.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The programme comprised 23 schemes that related to investments in high voltage networks and substations as well as to modernisation of control and protection systems.

One scheme (doubling of the existing Výškov - Cechy Stred 400 kV overhead line) fell under Annex I of the EIA Directive. A full EIA was carried out and the EIA consent was granted by the competent authority for nature and environment.

The promoter confirmed that the construction of this scheme was carried out in accordance with the granted decisions and verified project documentation. The general requirements for construction were observed.

According to reporting from the promoter, no additional EIAs or AAs were required for the remaining sub-projects, no additional mitigation conditions were required.

The environmental undertakings included in the Finance Contract have been fulfilled. In particular, the Bank required the promoter 1) not to allocate the Bank's funds to components that require an EIA until the EIA with the integrated biodiversity assessment has been finalized, approved by the competent authority, and sent for review to the satisfaction of the Bank together with a declaration by the competent authority, to indicate the compliance with the provisions of the EU Habitats and Birds Directives, 2) to take into account and implement conditions expressed in any screening-out decision or EIA consent granted by the competent authority for nature and environment, and 3) store and keep updated any documents as may be relevant for the project supporting the compliance with the provisions of the EU EIA, Habitats and Birds Directives (Form A/B, or equivalent declaration by the competent authority), and promptly upon request deliver such documents to the Bank.

The promoter did not report any environmental or social issues during implementation.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

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