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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	CECLAVIN ALLOCATION GREEN ENERGY FL 2019-0811
Project Number:	2020-0221
Country:	SPAIN
Project Description:	Financing of a PV scheme (328MWp) in the Spanish region of Extremadura

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 the construction and operation of a solar PV plant with a total power of ca. 328 MWp (ca. 226 MWac at the point of injection into the grid). The project scope included the power plant and the associated infrastructure required to make the project operational, including a ca. 19 kms transmission line (220 kV) to connect to the Jose Maria de Oriol Nuevo Parque substation (property of the Transmission System Operator - TSO).

The project was subject to an EIA process, including public consultation, and the competent authority granted the environmental consent ("declaracion de impacto ambiental") in February 2020 for both the solar PV plant and the transmission line. The project was fully operating in October 2021. The promoter reported no significant environmental or social issue during the implementation and operations of the project.

The implementation of the project did not lead to involuntary physical or economic displacement or resettlement. The land for the PV plant was already secured through bilateral agreement with the landowners at appraisal, but the rights over the land for the transmission line were still in the process of being acquired. Eventually, the promoter obtained a declaration of public utility for the transmission line, and approximately 30% of the land was expropriated following the applicable Spanish legislation, while the rest was secured through bilateral agreements.

The ESDS included an undertaking for the promoter to demonstrate that the mitigation measures that were part of the environmental management plans developed and included in the EIA report, including measures to avoid, reduce and mitigate the impact, as well as monitoring indicators, were put in place during the construction and operational phases. The promoter has provided the subsequent environmental monitoring plans ("programa de vigilancia ambiental"), one covering the construction phase and another one covering the operational phase. The promoter reported that the main measures have been implemented, including the creation of an area for the conservation of steppe birds, reforestation of oaks, construction of ponds, installation of nesting boxes on the towers of the transmission line, etc. A few mitigation measures are still under implementation and should be finalized in the next months (e.g. creation of reptile shelters, installation of amphibian and reptile barriers in a nearby road); this will be monitored by the Bank in the course of 2024.



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Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

Based on the information provided to date by the promoter, EIB is of the opinion that the project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.