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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: DOLOMITI ENERGIA NETWORKS & HYDRO II

Project Number: 2016-0053
Country: ITALY

Project Description: Investments for the modernisation, upgrading and development of the electricity and gas distribution networks, as well as the repowering of small hydropower facilities in the autonomous province of Trento over the period 2017-2021.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The Promoter reported that no investment required an environmental impact assessment, as well as no assessment under the Habitats or Birds directives. The planned development of the Vioz small hydro power plant, which was expected to require an EIA, was postponed and will no longer be carried out in the context of this Project. The power plant of Ponte Cornicchio has not been subject to screening under the EIA procedure because its concession nominal power resulted below the threshold established in the regional legislation for the province of Trento, which is responsible for such assessment for that type of projects under delegation given by the national law transposing the EIA Directive. The new unit in Dro has also not been subject to screening because the works concerned only equipment and structures within the powerhouse, with no interventions on infrastructure (e.g. water intake channels, penstock, etc) outside of the powerhouse. The scheme did not qualify as a "new project", rather as a removal of old equipment and materials. For this scheme, only the approval of the *Soprintendenza ai Beni Artistici* was required and obtained.

The Promoter did not report any significant environmental issue that affected the project or its implementation, nor problems that may represent environmental risks to the operation of the infrastructure.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion that, based on reports from the promoter and/or inputs provided by Lenders' Supervisors and others, where applicable, the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.