



European Investment Bank (EIB)

Luxembourg, 25/10/2023

## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

### Overview

Project Name: **GNF ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

Project Number: **2016-0321**

Country: **Spain**

Project Description: Investments to support the development of new wind farms in Canary Islands and to modernise electricity distribution infrastructure throughout Spain during the 2016-2019 period.

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

Concerning wind farms, the associated permitting was already complete at the time of project appraisal and discussed in the ESDS. The Promoter confirmed that the schemes have been implemented in accordance with the requirements laid out in the permits, and that specific environmental aspects are continuously monitored.

In the electricity network sector, the Promoter reported that two schemes were subjected to a screening procedure under the EIA procedure, which concluded that an EIA was not required. The Promoter provided the screen-out decisions.

A Medium Voltage (MV) overhead line in the area of Maderuelo required an EIA. The positive decision was issued on June 19, 2017 by the *Consejería de Fomento del Medio Ambiente* of Castilla Y Leon. Within that process, the competent authority (*Servicio Territorial del Medio Ambiente de Segovia*) concluded that the proposed scheme would not affect the integrity of the two Natura 2000 areas interested by scheme (ES4160008 "Hoces del río Riaza", ES4160104 "Hoces del río Riaza"). Nevertheless, at the time of the completion report the implementation of such scheme has not started yet.

Six other MV scheme were initially identified as requiring an EIA report or at least a screening decision. Due to the difficulties in reaching consensus with the interested stakeholders on a path, the procedure is still ongoing.

These MV schemes are no longer part of the Project scope.

In general, the promoter did not report any environmental or social issues during the implementation of the Project.

### 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.