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## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

### Overview

Project Name:	WATERSCHAP FRIESLAND
Project Number:	2017-0536
Country:	The Netherlands
Project Description:	The project concerned the 2017-2021 investment programme of Waterschap Friesland (Wetterskip Fryslan), in the north of the Netherlands.

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The investment programme concerned the reinforcement works of about 29 km of primary dykes which protect against sea-level rising from the Wadden sea, the IJsselmeer and the North sea, within the Province of Friesland and of about 66km of regional flood defences against inland regional flooding under extreme wet conditions such as heavy and more frequent rainfalls. All dyke strengthening works under the operation were included in the National Flood Protection Programme of the Netherlands ("Delta Programma") which defined the new flood protection standards to protect the Netherlands in the context of climate change. Besides the flood protection works, some of the water level management works such as the replacement of old pumping stations with new ones and the expansion of water retention areas (water buffering) were considered as well as adaptation measures.

In addition, the project concerned the improvement of water security and quality according to the requirements of the Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC). In this respect the programme focused on improving water quality through rehabilitation of existing WWTPs and the reduction of nitrogen in surface water and further aimed at achieving sustainable water level management through investments including creation or reinforcement of reservoir polders, sluices, weirs, pumping stations, water retention areas etc, to ensure that there is sufficient water for different water and land users.

This was the first operation with the Waterschap Friesland operating in the northwest of the Netherlands within the Province of Friesland and in a small area of the Province of Groningen, including four out of five of the Wadden Sea Islands. The programme was developed by an experienced promoter and took into consideration environmental and social aspects as required.

Several of the programme's components required a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) according to Directive 2014/52/EU amending the EIA Directive 2011/92/EC out of which some components required in addition an Appropriate Assessment for potential impacts on the Natura 2000 areas. Amongst the different investments financed, those that required an EIA were:

- HWBP Koehool Lauwersmeer
- Kadeproject Sneek zuid
- KRW langwarder Wielen
- KRW Rietovers boven Tjonger en Grootdiep



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- KRW Rietoevers
- Gemaal Vijfhuizen
- Renovatie RWZI Harlingen

The Promoter confirmed through its PCR reporting that all mitigation measures were implemented as planned. All EIA related documentation has been shared with the Bank and is in line with the Bank's requirements. The Promoter also confirmed that there were no project components that have significantly affected any Natura 2000 areas due to the either nature and/or the location of the components.

**Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:**

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