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## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)<sup>1</sup>

### Overview

Project Name:	BREITBAND NIEDERSACHSEN
Project Number:	2014-0404
Country:	Germany
Project Description:	The investment programme related to the roll-out of several passive fibre access infrastructures in Lower Saxony (Niedersachsen) in order to provide high speed fixed broadband telecom services to residential and business users in uncovered rural areas (NGA white spots). The passive infrastructures were promoted and owned by federal districts (Landkreise) and operated by telecom operators.

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project related to the installation of new fibre access lines (Fibre-To-The-Home) in different rural areas of Lower Saxony, a Germany federal state. Such installations require trenching works on the streets or on the sidewalks including proper reinstatement works after completion.

Such works required the approval by the competent authorities and there was only a temporary (traffic) disruption during the trenching and installation works but no residual effects.

The project was very important for the related households as it allowed for the upgrade of local telecom networks to enable the provision of Gigabit broadband services. Thanks to the German broadband scheme, the districts were able to fix this market failure preventing a commercial network rollout.

#### **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.

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<sup>1</sup> The template is for ILs and FLs