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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)¹

 Overview

 Project Name:
 PLZEN URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE III

 Project Number:
 2013-0144

 Country:
 CZECH REPUBLIC

 Project Description:
 Multi-sector investment programme aimed at improving urban infrastructure

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The operation comprised multi-sector municipal infrastructure investments of high importance for the further development of the city, supporting urban renewal. As was the case with the implementation of the previous multi-sector urban infrastructure programme, this operation resulted in urban restructuring and reinforcement of the Borrower, the city of Pilsen, which is the country's fourth largest city. The operation resulted in a significant number of positive environmental and social externalities by the provision of better quality municipal infrastructure the city has improved the quality of life for its inhabitants and strengthened its competitiveness.

Selected schemes were based on comprehensive urban development strategies and regeneration plans. The long-term Plzen Development Programme has set the priorities and principles aiming at supporting sustainable development. Investments funded by EIB have acted as catalysts for economic development and urban regeneration. The re-use of brownfield sites formed an important element of the city's urban development strategy.

Eligible investments included selected small to medium sized priority schemes from the city's capital investment programme representing urban infrastructure upgrading and interventions throughout municipal neighbourhoods in the fields of brownfield regeneration, ancillary road infrastructure, municipal housing, water management and sewerage, sports, social, research and educational facilities.

In total, 7 investment schemes have been co-financed by the Bank. The total loan amount was fully allocated to the schemes and disbursed successfully.

None of the schemes required Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). No investment required an appropriate assessment in line with the Habitats / Birds Directive.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion.

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

¹ The template is for ILs and FLs