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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)¹

Overview

Project Name:	ENERGY SECURITY OF SUPPLY IN POLAND - PCI
Project Number:	2019-0433
Country:	POLAND
Project Description:	<i>Support for Gaz System's PCI CAPEX programme, contributing to increased system capacity, energy security and diversification of natural gas supplies in Poland.</i>

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

The PL-SK interconnector is an EU Project of Common Interest (PCI 6.2.1) contributing to the implementation of the strategic energy infrastructure priority corridors. The EIB co-financed both sections in Slovakia and in Poland, the Slovak part being the object of a previous the EIB project², while the Polish part, which is 61 kilometres long, is included in the scope of the Project, which is the subject of this ESCS.

The second component, the 316 km Gustorzyn-Wronow pipeline, is also an EU Project of Common Interest (PCI 6.2.2) and is in the same priority corridor as the PL-SK interconnector.

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

Based on the information provided by the Promoter up to project completion, no significant environment or social issues were noted.

The main impacts were temporary and mitigated according to established practices in the sector, including site restoration measures.

On both the Polish and Slovak sides of the interconnector, the mitigation measures outlined in the environmental impact assessment reports, as well as in the environmental and construction permits were fulfilled and complied with by Promoter and their main contractors.

These measures include using trenchless techniques (microtunnels, drilling and jacking); re-routing the pipeline to avoid the most sensitive areas with the highest value of nature, slope stabilisation techniques; not disturbing the breeding periods of species.

The gas pipelines were designed and implemented with the relevant quality standards to minimize the occurrence of leaks during their operational phase.

There were no significant social problems in the reporting period. Any comments submitted, resulting from inconvenience for residents of municipalities on which works were carried out, including reclamation works, or through which communication routes for heavy equipment were marked out and were solved through negotiations and talks with interested parties.

At the beginning of 2023, fruit growers expressed their dissatisfaction on how the construction works were conducted during the adverse weather conditions, as the Contractor encountered difficulties and had to adapt to those which caused disturbances. It is also to be noted that

¹ The template is for ILs and FLs

² PL-SK GAS INTERCONNECTOR (2017-0317)



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implementation technologies had to be adapted for this section, e.g. using micro-tunnelling instead of horizontal drilling to cross the Radomka River, additional drainage pipes or additional excavations at some archaeological sites in Lublin Voivodeship. These were formalised as additional works in the agreement with the EPC Contractor.

During the implementation of the Project, two injuries were reported on the Poland Slovakia Interconnector component in 2020 and there were also two (one fatal and one serious) accidents reported on section III of Gustorzyn-Wronow component in 2022.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

The 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.