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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: PROGRAMME FRENCH REGIONAL TRAINS II
Project Number: 20150048
Country: France

Project Description: The investment programme consists of the purchase of rolling stock by French Regions for use on their regional rail networks. The combined number of train sets for the different Régions included in the project consisted of 44 units.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project did not fall within either Annex I or Annex II of the EU Environmental Impact Assessment Directive 2011/92/EU.

The new trainsets complied with applicable Technical Specifications for Interoperability, including those for noise. The enhancement, thanks to the new rolling stock, of the fleets serving the different regions enabled the disposal of older rolling stock with higher CO_2 and noise emission levels. The scrapping of older rolling stock was carried out in compliance with legal/environmental requirements.

In some cases, the introduction of the new rolling stock required adaptation of the existing rolling stock maintenance facilities and construction of electric sub stations. These were not financed by the EIB loan and the environmental due diligence carried out in the context of the operations with each Region included the related environmental aspects, particularly any potential issues of biodiversity or EIA requirements. These works were either outside the scope of the EIA Directives or were subject to the necessary environmental procedures in line with the EIA Directives.

No significant environment or social issues were noted.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the promoter for individual sub-projects, that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.