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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview	
Project Name:	ACEA SETTORE IDRICO ROMA III
Project Number:	2019-0770
Country:	Italy
Project Description:	Investments in the integrated water sectors in the territory of ATO 2, Rome area.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

Environmental Assessment

The project comprised numerous small to medium sized investments in water and wastewater infrastructure by ACEA, a majority public owned utility providing Integrated Water Services ("IWS") to ca. 4,000,000 persons in the service area known as Ambito Territoriale Ottimale 2, covering 112 municipalities in the provinces of Rome (108), Frosinone (2) and Viterbo (2) in the Lazio Region.

The promoter had to follow the usual undertaking related to the environmental and social impacts of the project namely:

- not to allocate Bank funds to programme components that require a full EIA until the EIA and/or the necessary nature assessment have been finalised and approved by the relevant competent authority. Once any EIA is available, the promoter will provide the Bank with an electronic copy of the EIA, for publication on the EIB website.
- not commit any EIB funds against any scheme that impacts nature conservation sites, without receiving from the relevant competent authorities the declaration under Art. 6(3) of the Habitats Directive that there are no significant effects and informing the Bank of such declaration having been obtained.
- provide to the Bank, if requested, any decision and subsequent justification that screen out project components from the requirement of a full EIA as well as the decisions issued by the competent authorities regarding the Habitats and Birds Directives.

During implementation, none of the investment required an EIA and none were affecting a nature conservation site.

The purpose of the project is twofold: (i) increase the efficiency and reliability of the water systems, and (ii) enhance the performance of wastewater collection and treatment services to ensure compliance with European and regional environmental requirements. In particular, the Project aim to contribute to avoiding potential situations of non-compliance by upgrading overflows treatment.

The project had some tangible positive impact on the level of water efficiency by reducing the non revenue water level from 47% to 39% and especially improving the drought resilience management plan which limited substantially the impact of the 2020 drought compared to the 2017 drought event.



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Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

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