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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)¹

Overview

Project Name:	ISTANBUL UNDERGROUND RAIL NETWORK II
Project Number:	2016 0340
Country:	Turkey
Project Description:	<i>The Project involves the construction of the 13,4 km long Atakoy - Ikitelli line with 12 new stations on the European side of Istanbul. The new line will intersect with 6 different urban rail systems and provide improved network connections.</i>

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The promoter implemented the project in line with the environmental permit and implemented the mitigation measures listed in the Environmental and Social Action Plan (ESAP). At the time of appraisal in 2016, the main works contractor was already awarded, and the ex-ante appraisal listed the environmental and social risks and the need for close monitoring. At the time of appraisal, the environmental permit for the depot was missing, and this permit was submitted to the Bank in 2017, in line with the related disbursement condition.

Works started in 2016. In 2019, a labour audit was completed in response to local news commenting on the labour situation at the site, in particular worker lay-offs that would not have been carried out in line with relevant laws and regulations. The audit confirmed many shortcomings in the labour practice of the main contractor, including collective layoff procedures that were not compliant with Turkish law. Corrective actions were subsequently implemented by the contractor, and the environmental and social capacity of the supervising engineer was strengthened. In 2020, a second labour audit was completed by an independent consultant (funded by EIB), covering the implementation of the full ESAP and the corrective actions that were agreed after the first audit. It was concluded that that issues with employees prior to the audits were all resolved, often resulting in increased receivables. Moreover, E&S performance of the main contractor improved substantially and that certified EHS management systems were now in place, that capable EHS and HR staff were recruited, that there were no further collective dismissals or union conflicts, and that the grievance mechanism was working. The audit also made recommendations for further improvements, which the promoter, contractor and the audit consultant continued to work on. An independent external consultant continued to support the promoter and execute quarterly labour audits.

No demolition of private properties or resettlement was required for the project. This is confirmed in the post completion report. There was however temporary relocation of the residents of two buildings due to unforeseen risks of soil settlement. The affected people were relocated to nearby hotels and compensated for all costs that were made. They returned after the risk subsided. Following the two building incidents, the contractor prepared a resettlement action plan for any future buildings that require temporary resettlement, but this remained unused as no further relocations were required.

¹ The template is for ILs and FLs



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Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the promoter, the corrective actions taken to remedy incompliances identified during the construction, the latest site visit by the EIB team in the beginning of 2024 and information publicly available that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.