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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	ELECTRICA DISTRIBUTION NETWORK UPGRADE
Project Number:	2020-0391
Country:	Romania
Project Description:	The investment programme comprises a large number of schemes for the reinforcement and modernisation of the electricity distribution network in Romania. It encompasses high, medium and low voltage electricity distribution schemes, including the deployment of advanced meters.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The programme comprised (a) construction of a new HV/MV substation (110/20 kV), (b) refurbishment of primary substations (110/20 kV), (c) construction of a short HV underground line (110 kV), (d) refurbishment of HV overhead lines (110 kV), and (e) construction and refurbishment of MV and LV overhead and underground lines. It also included the refurbishment and installation of secondary substations and distribution transformers, as well as the deployment of advanced meters. Some of the programme schemes fell under Annex II of the EIA Directive, leaving it to the competent authority to determine whether an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required. In line with Romanian law, all programme schemes involving new overhead lines of any voltage level and new HV/MV substations need to undergo environmental screening, following which the competent authorities determine whether an EIA is required.

The environmental undertakings included in the Finance Contract required the promoter to store and keep updated all EIA screening decisions concerning the programme schemes, make sure that programme schemes undergo biodiversity screening in accordance with the Habitats Directive, store and keep updated any documentation that may be relevant and that supports compliance with the Habitats Directive, and not to allocate the Bank's funds to schemes that require an EIA and/or an Appropriate Assessment (AA) until the EIA and/or the AA have been finalised and approved by the competent authority.

The promoter did not report any environmental and social issues during implementation.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

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