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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	<i>AQP-WATER SECTOR UPGRADE SOUTHERN ITALY</i>
Project Number:	<i>2017-0333</i>
Country:	<i>Italy</i>
Project Description:	<i>Financing of the Promoter's water and wastewater investments in the service area known as ATO Puglia over the 2017-2022 period.</i>

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The operation's objective was to increase the performance, quality and reliability of the networks and the increase operational efficiency, notably through a reduction in Non-Revenue Water (NRW), by replacing critical sections of water and wastewater networks, the rehabilitation of existing water treatment plants, pumping stations, WWTPs, sewerage coverage extension, implementation of remote-control system and replacing water meters for customers. In particular, the Project aim to contribute to avoiding potential situations of non-compliance by upgrading wastewater treatment works for agglomerations above 2,000 p.e. At project completion, 13 interventions made it possible to overcome the infringement case for 10 agglomerates. The Bank received a report for the Carovigno WWTP plant, which highlight some disfunctions due to heavy rains, which has been solved. Also, the Martina Franca WWTP required scrutiny, as the plant was seized in 2016 due to environmental concerns, and later released back in 2023.

The Project has improved service coverage, with the extension of the water and wastewater network, of 312 and 342 km, respectively. The wastewater treatment capacity in the service area was augmented by 569,146 p.e.¹ Finally, the Project had some tangible positive impact on the level of water efficiency and water abstraction level. Water production has decreased throughout the implementation period, from 503 Mm³ in 2022 to 485 Mm³, with a slightly increasing per capita consumption, from 150 to 153 l/c/d. non-revenue water decreased from 47% down to 45%.

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, with the anticipated results (in terms of reduction of NRW and wastewater treatment capacity) fully realised, considering the revised targets as per updated legal documentation signed with the Promoter.

¹ The outcome indicators have been revised in the edit of legal documentation signed with the Promoter, to consider a more accurate estimation of treatment capacity impact.