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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	ROAD DC403 SKURINJE PORT OF RIJEKA (SPL 20140375)
Project Number:	20180110
Country:	Croatia
Project Description:	The project, road DC-403, consists of a 3,071 m road connection from Škurinje interchange on the A7/E61 (TEN/T) single or dual carriageway to the Port of Rijeka and an additional 380 m road connection to the state road DC8. The DC403 will run from the Škurinje Node on highway A7 to the Core network maritime Port of Rijeka, mainly through a tunnel. The objective is to remove the bottleneck between the Port of Rijeka and its hinterland. The road D403 will effectively connect the Port of Rijeka (Zagreb pier) to the highway A7, both part of the TEN-T network, Mediterranean Corridor (Rijeka-Zagreb-Budapest). The project benefits from an EU grant under ESIF (ERDF).

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

Environmental procedures

Reference is made to the Environmental and Social Data Sheet (ESDS). The project has been prepared and implemented in accordance with the applicable EU Directives on environment, habitats and water bodies. All mitigation measures, as foreseen in the Environmental Decisions, were implemented as appropriate.

In the final EIA decision, information is provided regarding the public consultations, which took place between 19 December 2017 and 20 January 2018 in the City of Rijeka. Transboundary consultations were not performed due to the location of the project being in the middle of the city with no cross-border effects. The documents related to the above-mentioned EIA process were made available to the public through the Ministry of Environment and Energy web page as well as the web pages of the Primorje-Gorski Kotar County.

The Habitats Directive and the Water Framework Directive were considered during the EIA, and the project has been prepared while considering the requirements of the directives, as enacted into the national law. Based on a screening decision 18 January 2017 an appropriate assessment according to the Art. 6.3/6.4 Habitats Directive was not carried out.

Noise walls were installed according to the project design, primarily on the upper section of the road. There have been no complaints regarding noise. Noise measurements are planned once the Zagrebačka port is opened to traffic, at which point the traffic volume on the state road



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DC403 will reach the planned level. Port Zagrebačka was completed in October 2025, and accordingly, Croatian Roads have scheduled the noise measurements for 2026.

The surroundings were landscaped as part of the project, with vegetation planted within the roundabout areas and along the roadway. A total of EUR 46,000 was invested in landscaping.

Social impact of the project

The involuntary re-settlement of 19 families in Rijeka municipality was satisfactorily completed before the project implementation started. Noise during construction was an issue as anticipated, which affected residents close to the site, especially during tunnel excavation, however the problems were acknowledged by the City administration of Rijeka, and a dialogue was kept open with the affected residents ([City of Rijeka website](#)).

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

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