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## **Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)**

## **Overview**

Project Name: PLK RAILWAY MODERNIZATION E59 PHASE 3

Project Number: 2014-0363 Country: Poland

Project Description: Modernisation of 71km of railway line from Rawicz to

Czempin.

## **Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion**

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

The project was appraised in 2014 and an Environmental and Social Data Sheet was prepared.

The project concerned the modernization of a 71-kilometer section of the existing E59 double-track electrified railway line between Rawicz and Czempin in the Wielkopolskie Region in western Poland.

The project formed part of the Polish Railway Master Plan for 2030, the Infrastructure & Environment Operational Programme for 2014–2020, and the Transport Development Strategy for 2020 (with a perspective to 2030). A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) was conducted for these three programmes, as set out in Directive 2001/42/EC.

The project fell under Annex II of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) procedure as set out in Directive 2011/92/EU. In accordance with the Polish legislation, the project was screened in and therefore was subject to a full EIA procedure. An EIA was conducted between 2008 and 2009, after which the Competent Authority issued a positive Environmental Decision in November 2009. Due to subsequent minor design changes, an additional EIA report was prepared in 2011 and in June 2011 the promoter submitted a request to amend the 2009 Environmental Decision. An amended Environmental Decision was issued in December 2011. The Competent Authority also required a further round of environmental assessments to be conducted at the construction permit stage. Required assessments were carried out and confirmed by the promoter following the obtaining of all the required construction permits for project implementation.

The project neither crosses nor runs in the immediate vicinity of any Natura 2000 site. Having reviewed the project impact, the Competent Authorities concluded that it was not likely to have a significant effect on protected areas or species, and that an assessment according to Article 6(3) of Directive 92/43/EEC (the Habitats Directive) was unnecessary.

All the measures required by the Competent Authority to mitigate the environmental impact were respected and implemented, including construction of large and small animal passages, drainage and runoff treatment/storage facilities, and noise barriers and anti-vibration mats.

A post-implementation acoustic analysis has identified additional locations where noise barriers should be installed. An administrative procedure is currently underway to determine their exact positioning and oversee the installation.



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Approximately 73 hectares of land were acquired for the project, one household has been voluntarily resettled, and compensations were paid.

## 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.