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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	PLK E65 SOUTHERN SECTION PHASE I
Project Number:	2015-0125
Country:	Poland
Project Description:	Modernisation of a key section of the railway line from Bedzin through Katowice to the CZ/SK border (E65 LOT C).

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 2019 and an Environmental and Social Data Sheet was prepared.

The project encompassed the upgrading and modernization of railway infrastructure, including track, electrification, control command and signalling systems, telecommunications, and level crossings. As a result, the maximum line speed will be increased to 160 km/h, and up to 200 km/h on selected sections, for passenger trains, and to 120 km/h for freight trains. The works covered modernisation of the Czechowice-Dziedzice railway station and approximately 18 km of 4 railway lines.

The project formed part of the Polish Railway Master Plan for 2030, the Infrastructure & Environment Operational Programme 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, in line with 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 Polish legislation, the project was screened in and therefore subject to a full EIA procedure. Applications for environmental decisions were submitted on 13 January 2012 for the line works and on 24 January 2014 for the station component. Screening-in decisions were received on 26 March 2012 and 17 March 2014 respectively. Following the preparation of EIA reports and completion of the EIA procedure, two environmental decisions were issued by the competent authority: on 19 May 2015 for the Czechowice-Dziedzice station and on 28 November 2016 for the remaining scope of the project.

The project is partly located within the Natura 2000 site Dolina Górnej Wisły (Birds Directive Site, SPA, SiteCode: PLB240001). It is also situated near the Natura 2000 areas Zbiornik Goczałkowicki – Ujście Wisły i Bajerki (Habitats Directive Site, SiteCode: PLH240039) and Stawy w Brzeszczach (Birds Directive Site, SPA, SiteCode: PLB120009). The Polish competent authority declared that the project is not likely to have significant effects on Natura 2000 sites; therefore, an appropriate assessment under Article 6(3) of Directive 92/43/EEC was not required.

All measures specified in the environmental decisions were applied during the project implementation, including the construction of noise barriers, animal crossings, water drainage and treatment systems, and planting. All works were supervised in terms of environmental protection. There were no reports of soil, water or environmental pollution. Waste was managed



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through recovery or disposal. The Promoter carries out permanent environmental monitoring in accordance with applicable regulations.

Approximately 14 hectares of land were acquired for the project. No resettlement was required for its implementation.

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.