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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)¹

Overview

Project Name: VIZCAYA WATER & SEWERAGE
 Project Number: 20150717
 Country: SPAIN
 Project Description: Financing of investments in the extension and modernisation of the water and sewerage infrastructure in the province of Vizcaya, Spain.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project concerned water and wastewater investments across Territorio Historico de Vizcaya (THV), one of the three provinces of the Basque country in Spain, to anticipate climate change consequences of floods and droughts through increasing the resilience of bulk water and storm water collection systems. Wastewater investments also ensured compliance with the environmental standards set by EU and national legislation.

The perimeter of the project was reduced as some components faced delay and were excluded from the initial list of components, including the Zuazo-Galindo storm water reservoir, the largest component of the investment programme.

The operation has complied with the requirements of the Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC, the Royal Decree 1/2016 of 08 January approved the River Basin Master Plan (RBMP) of Second Cycle 2015-2021 for the Cantábrico Oriental. This RBMP integrated competences from both the Basque country (responsible for the internal basins) and the Central Government (for the multiregional basins). It was subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) as required by the SEA Directive 2001/42/EC. Water investments required to achieve environmental targets set by the RBMP were included in the project.

The promoter had to follow the usual undertaking related to the environmental and social impacts of the project namely:

- not to allocate the Bank funds to programme components that require an EIA until the necessary assessment has been finalized and approved by the competent authority. Once any EIS is available, the Promoter will provide the Bank with an electronic copy of its Non-Technical Summary (NTS) for publication on the EIB website.
- to provide to the Bank, if requested, any decisions that screen out project components from undertaking a full Environmental Impact Assessment as well as the decisions issued by the competent Authority regarding the Habitats and Birds Directives
- not to commit any EIB funds against any scheme that may have an impact on a site of nature conservation importance, without receiving and informing the Bank of, the

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Competent Authority's conclusions of its appropriate assessment carried out according to Articles 6(3) and/or 6(4) of the Habitats and Birds Directives.

The only ESIA required concerned the Arratia River hydropower generation scheme, approved by the competent authority in 05 October 2012 (ref BOE-A-2012-13205). Based on the project progress reports, the promoter complied with the undertakings during the implementation of the project.

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.