

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name: *South Bohemia transport Infra II*
Project Number: *2010-0640*
Country: *Czech Republic*
Project Description: *Series of priority schemes mainly for road rehabilitation and upgrade of road network (Classes II and III only) included in the regional medium-term investment programme.*

EIA: Required

Not required

(EIA requirements to be determined – see below)

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment, including key issues and overall conclusion and recommendation

The project refers to a multi-scheme operation classified as a Framework Loan. The envisaged schemes do not constitute a programme setting the framework for future development consent of projects listed in the EIA Directive and thus do not require an Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) as per EU Directive 2001/42/EC.

No adverse residual impact on the environment is expected from the schemes concerning the rehabilitation of existing road assets and the rehabilitation of the museum. Works of this type are not subject to a compulsory Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), neither under Czech law (Act n° 100/2001) nor under EIA Directive 85/337/EEC as amended, Annex I or Annex II.

Schemes such as roads on new alignments would be subject to either Annex I or Annex II of the EIA Directive. Prior to disbursement, the Promoter will be required to provide:

- evidence, satisfactory to the Bank, that the schemes have been screened out or, if they have been screened in, provide a copy of the EIAs and non-technical summaries (NTS)
- documentary evidence that the requirements of the Habitats Directive have been fulfilled (Form A/B or equivalent document to the satisfaction of the Bank)
- a copy of the building permit for all the schemes

Promoter environmental capacity is deemed good. Environmental protection measures required during construction with regards to noise, protection of wildlife, waste treatment etc are acceptable, as well as the mitigation measures prescribed which include installation of noise barriers, animal crossings or planting of 3 trees for each tree cut in the context of the project. In general, the project will bring positive environmental effects from improved traffic fluidity and increased road safety.

Under the above-mentioned conditions the project is acceptable to the Bank from an environmental point of view.

Environmental and Social Assessment

The Regional Authority has a department responsible for the administration of matters relating to the environment. This department administers the procedures required by Czech and EU law in coordination with the technical departments and competent environmental authority and is deemed competent.