

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name: *WARMINSKO MAZURSKIE REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE*
 Project Number: *2012-0606*
 Country: *Poland*
 Project Description: *Part financing of a multi-sector investment programme in the Region of Warminsko-Mazurskie*

EIA required: *This is a multi-scheme operation. Some of the schemes may require an EIA under Annex II of the EIA Directive.*

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise¹: no

(details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")

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

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Nevertheless, some of the schemes in the operation may fall under Annex II of the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU. Furthermore, some of the schemes in the programme may have an impact on protected sites and the Promoter will be required to act according to the provisions of the Habitats and Birds Directives. The Promoter shall verify the compliance of the schemes with the relevant and applicable rules of the EU legislation. The Promoter shall not commit the Bank's funds until the relevant consent has been issued by the competent authority. The Promoter shall store and keep updated the relevant documents to be provided to the Bank upon request.

The institutional capacity of the Promoter to manage the environmental issues in compliance with legal requirements is deemed satisfactory.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

- *The Socio-economic Development strategy of the Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodeship 2020* was adopted in 2005 and was not subject to SEA. In addition, both roads modernisation programmes "northern" and "south-western" were subject to SEAs.

¹ Only projects that meet the scope of the Pilot Exercise, as defined in the EIB draft Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: above 100,000 tons CO₂e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tons CO₂e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

- Various forms of environmental protection, including 60 Natura 2000 sites, cover 46% of the area of the Region. It is therefore inevitable that road modernisation schemes, broadband roll-out, cycle routes will encroach on such sites.
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- A training component of the broadband infrastructure project is expected to enhance digital literacy of 1,800 inhabitants of the region, thus reducing a digital exclusion.

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