

Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	POLAND UNIVERSITY RESEARCH SUPPORT II
Project Number:	20130174
Country:	Poland
Project Description:	The project financed research and development (R&D) undertaken in public universities and scientific institutes in 2013 and 2014. It focused on basic research (Stages 1-2 in the EIB RDI classification) and had two elements. The first, tangible element (around 13% of total cost) comprised capital investments in infrastructure and equipment. The second, intangible element (around 87% of total cost) comprised the investments made by the State of Poland in the production of research by academics employed by institutions located in all regions of the country.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

EIB notes the following key Environmental and Social outcomes at Project Completion. The project was a multi-sector/multi-scheme operation and the Promoter was requested to comply with relevant environmental legislation. According to a promoter statement, EU directives concerning the environment and the use of animals in experimental research are transposed into Polish law and effective procedures are in place.

The project financed intangible basic research activities in various sectors and by various entities. For some research activities with minor negative impacts appropriate mitigation measures have been taken.

Regarding the project infrastructure component, planning and environmental regulations were expected to apply for the approval of new constructions. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) might be required according to EIA Directive 2011/92/EU mainly in the cases of new and large facilities that could be considered urban development projects. The promoter undertook to submit to the Bank the NTS (Non-Technical Summary) of the EIAs, prior the utilisation of the Bank's funds for the specific parts of the project. The promoter also undertook to provide information on works and installations for which the competent authorities would require specific licenses related to any *Natura 2000* protected areas.

As no NTS of EIAs and no information about impact on *Natura 2000* areas have been submitted to the Bank or mentioned in the promoter's Project Completion information, the Bank services assume that they have not been relevant for the project implementation.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the promoter and site visits by the EIB team during Construction that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.