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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: RAILWAY TRACK TRENCIANSKA TEPLA-BELUSA

Project Number: 20120215
Country: Slovakia

Project Description: This operation will finance modernisation of 22.4 km of railway tracks between Trencianska Tepla and Belusa on the railway corridor between Bratislava and Zilina.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project is part of the operational programme of the Slovak Republic for the period 2007-2013. The project completed renewal of the substructure and superstructure of the railway; construction of several new railway bridges as well as new road and foot bridges; reconstruction and modification of existing railway bridges and road bridges over the railway; elimination of at-level railway crossings and construction of over 6 km of noise barriers.

The works started in 2009 and were substantially completed in 2013. The project fell under Annex II of Directive 92/2011/EC as amended. An EIA with public consultation was carried out by the promoter.

Although the project only involved modest rehabilitation along existing alignments, substantial investments were carried out to fulfil the mitigation measures prescribed in the environmental consent. They concerned, in particular, noise protection and waste management.

The project has made rail transport more attractive and better placed to face modal competition from road. The project also enhanced railway safety.

No legal claims or disputes took place in relation with the project1. No significant environment or social issues were raised to the best of EIB's knowledge.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion based on the completion report from the promoter that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.

¹ According to promoter's PCR of 2015.