

## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

### Overview

Project Name:	<b>IBERDROLA POWER DISTRIBUTION NETWORKS</b>
Project Number:	<b>2012-0154</b>
Country:	<b>SPAIN</b>
Project Description:	<b>Investment programme aiming at reinforcing and modernising Iberdrola's electricity distribution network in Spain</b>

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

As a result of the implementation of the project, no significant environment or social issues were noted.

The majority of the investments were at low-voltage levels and refurbishment of existing infrastructure, not falling under neither Annex I nor Annex II of Directive 2011/92/EU, thereby Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) were not required. Of the projects falling under Annex II of the Directive, only two were screened in by the competent authority. These were overhead power lines, on 3 km line on 66 kV and one 21 kV line on 132 kV. The EIA's have been published on the promoter's website and have been reviewed to the satisfaction of the Bank.

After the completion of the EIA procedure which included public consultation, both subprojects were approved by the competent authority. None of them affected Natura 2000 areas, and adequate alternatives analysis and mitigation measures were put in place as a requirement of the competent authority.

Examples of the mitigating measures was the obligation to install birds signalisation elements on the earth cable; the increment in length of the isolation elements, to reduce the risk of birds electrocution; cable routes parallel to existing roads; periodic monitoring programs, etc.

#### **Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:**

The 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.