

Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: *RAILWAY TRACK NOVE MESTO NAD VAHOM Z*
Project Number: *20120214*
Country: Slovakia
Project Description: This operation will finance modernisation of 17.5km of railway tracks between Nové Mesto nad Váhom and Zlatovce 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 program of the Slovak Republic for the period 2007-2013. The modernisation consists of:

- complete renewal of the substructure and superstructure of the railway
- renewal or upgrading of 6 railway bridges
- construction of a new railway tunnel of 1 775 meter
- construction of 4 new road bridges over the railway
- six new pedestrian overpasses
- 6,123 km of noise barriers

The works were completed at the end of 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. As the scope of works included a new 1,8 km railway tunnel under the nature preservation area "Turecký Vrch", which was included to avoid any negative impact on the "Turecký Vrch". The promoter project completion report confirmed that impacts on the area were successfully kept to a minimum. Mitigation measures were implemented in accordance to the environmental consent. Measures concerned in particular dust and waste management during construction and instalment of temporary and permanent noise walls where necessary. The project has contributed to sustainable objectives by making 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.