

## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

### Overview

Project Name:	<i>EESTI ENERGIA WINDPARKS</i>
Project Number:	<i>2011-0108</i>
Country:	<i>Estonia</i>
Project Description:	<i>This project consists of the construction and operation of two onshore wind farms Narva (39.1 MW) and Paldiski (22.5 MW) in Estonia. )</i>

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The total capacity of the proposed project is about 62 MW as initially planned. The generated electricity is supplied to the public grid. The project contributes to achieving the country's and EU's 2020 targets on energy production from renewable energy.

The projects fall under Annex II of the EIA Directive 85/337/EC (as amended) and have been screened in by the national competent authorities which have required a full EIA including public consultation. All wind farm projects, including their connection to the national grid system, have successfully gone through this procedure and obtained their environmental approvals.

All environmental permits were issued by the Competent Authorities prior to appraisal. The Paldiski wind farm authorisation concluded that there are minor potential risks for birds and bats habitats and put in place dedicated monitoring and mitigation measures. Furthermore, the risk of exceeding noise levels in individual farms and villages close to the wind farms were identified and reflected by permit conditions.

No significant environmental or social issues were reported during the implementation of the project.

With regard to the wind farm Paldiski, a confirmation about the satisfactory implementation of the required monitoring programme has been requested by the Bank, but has not been received so far. The promoter has started with required ecological monitoring in the beginning of March 2014 and the final report is expected in the first half of 2016.

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

EIB is of the opinion, based on reports from the promoter, that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social requirements applicable at appraisal. However, continued environmental monitoring is required during operations.

**EIB notes the following key Environmental and Social aspects to be monitored during operations:**

There is one undertaking in place related to ecological monitoring reports sent to the Competent Authorities and all corresponding confirmations of acceptance by the Competent Authorities which have not been completed yet. Therefore the Bank's services will continue its monitoring of these aspects.

1. The promoter shall submit to the Bank the results of the ecological monitoring related to the birds and bats for the wind farm Paldiski (the final report approved by the Competent Authority), and where applicable a written confirmation that proposed mitigation measures have been satisfactorily implemented.

This undertaking has not been fulfilled yet. The Bank's services will continue its monitoring of the above aspects.