

## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

### Overview

Project Name:	BUDAPEST-SZEKESFEHERVAR RAILWAY
Project Number:	2010 0635
Country:	Hungary
Project Description:	<i>The project concerns the design, rehabilitation and upgrade of the existing railway infrastructure between Budapest-Kelenföld and Székesfehérvár in Hungary - in total 63 km, with the addition of a second track between Budapest-Kelenföld and Tárnok (19 km).</i>

### 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 TEN-T priority project No. 6 at that time (rail axis Lyon-Ljubljana-Budapest-Ukrainian border) and connects Budapest with important cities in western Hungary and the popular resort area of Lake Balaton.

The project fell within the scope of Annex II of the EIA Directive. It was screened out by the competent authority; therefore no full EIA was required.

The main environmental impacts of the project related to the construction phase were noise and vibrations, dust, temporary land take; and those related to operation phase, such as noise and vibrations. The preliminary EIA of the different sections of the project defined appropriate mitigation and compensation measures. Noise protection walls were built next to built-up areas. Windows in buildings have been replaced, where noise protection walls could not be built because of traffic safety reasons. According to the measuring data the noise protection walls were effective everywhere. The noise level at everyplace has dropped under the allowed level.

The project was partly situated directly next to the NATURA 2000 sites "Lake Velence" and "Dinnyési-fertő" and the conclusions of the Appropriate Assessments related to specific sections of construction were issued by the competent authority on 9 April 2008, 13 May 2008 and 29 June 2009 respectively. These confirmed that there were no significant negative impacts on these zones. Bird protection walls and frog leading system, as mitigation measures were built in the vicinity.

No significant environment or social issues were noted.

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

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