

Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: *Budapest-Esztergom Railway Reconstr I*
Project Number: *2012 0509*
Country: *Hungary*
Project Description: *Budapest - Esztergom Railway Line Reconstruction, Phase I: The project concerns (i) the upgrading of the railway infrastructure between the Northern Railway Danube bridge (excl) and Piliscsaba (approx. 21 km) and (ii) the rehabilitation of the Piliscsaba-Esztergom line section (approx. 22 km). The project provides capacity increase with an additional track (doubling) to be constructed with a total length of approx. 13 km.*

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

Some sections of the project fell under Annex I of Directive 2011/92/EU where a full EIA was needed, while the other sections of the project fell under Annex II where the relevant Competent Authority decided on a case-by-case basis whether a full EIA had to be carried out or not. For the first section the respective environmental permit was issued in December 2009 and the other sections were screened-out in March 2010.

The project is situated directly next to several Natura 2000 sites. However, the Competent Authorities stated in their declarations that the project was not likely to have a significant impact on Natura 2000 sites. Nevertheless, ecological monitoring was recommended in the Natura 2000 areas situated in the vicinity of the alignment (during construction).

Mitigation during construction: it was specified, that the construction companies were not allowed to carry out any machinery maintenance work on site or use any NATURA 2000 or other nature protected area as transportation route or material storage.

Mitigation of operation's impacts: Noise protection walls were built next to built-up areas. According to the measuring data the noise protection walls were effective everywhere. The noise level at everyplace has dropped under the allowed level.

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.