

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	LOWER SILESIA REGIONAL ROADS PPP
Project Number:	2016-0263
Country:	Poland
Project Description:	The Lower Silesia Region Roads PPP ("Dolnoslaska Voivodeship PPP") involves the reconstruction and upgrading of a network of approximately 111 km of regional roads in the province of lower Silesia in Poland.
EIA required:	TBD

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise¹: No

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project falls under Annex II of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive 2011/92/EU. The national authority will have to decide whether or not an EIA is needed (screening decision). The project will be implemented through a Design and Build contract and the concessionaire will be responsible to obtain all environmental documentation including a Screening Decision, Environmental Decisions (ED) and the building permit. Although the project is within the existing right of way, EDs are needed as the sections run close to Natura 2000 areas. Copies of these EDs will be submitted to the Bank prior to disbursement.

Some of the road sections included in the project can potentially impact the closest Natura 2000 sites as follows:

- Road No. 346 Runs near to site PLH020055 Przeplatki Bistrica, PLH 020103 łągi Bistrica at the periphery of the Dolina Bystrzycy.
- Road No. 347 The road runs close to the site PLH 020103 łągi Bistrica at the periphery of the Dolina Bystrzycy.
- Road No.396 The road runs along sections of the Odra Valley PLH 020017.
- Road No.455 The road runs along an area within a larger section of the Oder Valley PLH 020017.

Both Road 455 and 396 cross the River Odra which is Natura 2000 at existing Bridges which will not be altered. The guiding principle outlined in Article 33 of the local Nature Conservation Act is that the project shall be prohibited from taking actions that could have a significant impact on the Natura 2000 sites.

¹ Only projects that meet the scope of the Pilot Exercise, as defined in the EIB draft Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: above 100,000 tons CO₂e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tons CO₂e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

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In this regard the Competent Authority will be required to confirm that the project components will not have a significant impact on Natura 2000 sites and the submission of the signed Declaration (Form A) from the Promoter will be needed prior to disbursement.

The main residual negative impacts include loss of trees, land conversion (widening within the R-O-W), visual impacts and noise. At stage 2 of the PPP process, mitigation measures will be reviewed, including those for noise reduction, crossings for pedestrians and landscaping. Compensation measures are likely to be specified by the Competent Authority in respect of felling of trees for road widening within the right of way. The project is expected to have some positive impacts for the environment and include improved safety, reduction in noise, vibration and congestion effects.

This will be further reviewed at stage 2, when the permitting documentation and signed declaration is submitted.

Social Assessment, where applicable

No land acquisition is planned for the project.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

No public consultation was done as an EIA was not done at this stage. The screening decision will be reviewed by the Bank at stage 2 along with any public disclosure requirements. To be further appraised.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

To be further appraised.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The Project is eligible for EIB financing with conditions. Before disbursement the Promoter shall submit to the Bank:

- The signed Declaration on the assessment carried out under Article 6 of the Habitat's Directive (92/43/EEC) should be submitted to the Bank (Form A).
- A copy of the outstanding environmental screening report, Environmental Decision, and building permit for the sections, where applicable.