

Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY TRACK – SECTION BELUSA-PUCHOV
Project Number:	2013-0268
Country:	Slovakia
Project Description:	Modernisation of 9 km of railway track between Beluša - Púchov in Slovakia

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project, modernisation of an existing railway, fell under Annex II of the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, being subject to an EIA depending upon the decision of a screening procedure, determined by the Competent Authorities.

The Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic, as the Competent Authority, determined that the project was subject to an EIA under national regulations prevailing in 2002 and an EIA was carried out and approved in 2003 for the full Nové Mesto nad Váhom – Púchov section, of which this project is part.

The project had no impact upon Natura 2000 areas, as confirmed by the Competent Authority. A scope change in 2012 near the village Dolné Kočkovce was screened out by the Competent Authority and the 2003 Environmental Decision remained valid.

The project contributes to an overall improvement of the urban environment by encouraging the use of rail transport for both passengers and freight, also reducing private car usage and road freight.

Environmental mitigation measures were implemented in order to minimise negative impacts of the construction to the environment, like noise-protection walls, dewatering of the railway body, in accordance with the Environmental decision and the building permit.

At completion, no additional environmental 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, site visits by the EIB team during Construction that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.