

## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

### Overview

Project Name:	E22 Tinuzi-Koknese
Project Number:	2009-0591
Country:	Latvia
Project Description:	The sub-project will consist of the reconstruction and upgrading of the E22 Latgale road section Tinuzi to Viskali (69.24km) and the new construction of the section Viskali to Koknese (2.54km) connecting to the A6 in the east. A total of 71.78 km of single carriageway expressway will be completed under the project.

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The section Tinuzi-Viskali (69.24km) involves the reconstruction of an existing road along the P5 and P80 corridor within the existing right of way. Some additional land was required for the expansion of junctions, parking areas etc. This section fell under Annex II of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive 2011/92/EC and hence an EIA was not needed. The Regional Environmental Board (Riga) ruled that the reconstruction project would not have a significant impact on the environment. Positive environmental decisions were given for the relevant road sections. The short 2.54km section Viskali-Koknese involved new construction and a full EIA was undertaken. This recommended a variant involving a bypass of Koknese. Mitigation measures were adopted in all construction contracts with regard to appropriate working practices.

With regard to the Habitats Directive, the promotor provided the Bank with declarations from the Competent Authority as a condition of disbursement. Between Tinuzi and Viskali, the corridor passes over 400m of the Natura 2000 site Ogre River Valley and touches it at two other spots. Two other Natura 2000 sites are also close to the road. However, as this was an upgrading of an existing road, it was not considered to be an issue. On the short section of new road from Viskali to Koknese, no Natura 2000 sites are affected. The Competent Authority issued an environmental permit which included various mitigation measures.

A Road Safety Audit was completed on the final design for all road sections in accordance with Directive 2008/96/EC. This was confirmed as a disbursement condition. A post completion safety audit was undertaken in August 2016 by a Dutch consultant. This was requested by the promotor because after opening the road in 2015 there has been an increase in the number of accidents and deaths on the road. The outcome of this safety audit is not known at this time.

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

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the promotor, site visits by the EIB team and/or inputs provided by Lenders' Supervisors and others, where applicable) during Construction that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.