

Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	NORTHERN POLAND ENERGY DISTRIBUTION II
Project Number:	2012-0420
Country:	Poland
Project Description:	<i>Modernisation and upgrade of the electricity distribution network of the Promoter, over 2012-2015, in Northern and Central Poland.</i>

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project was a 4-year investment programme (2012-2015) to modernise and expand the Promoter's distribution electricity networks in Northern and Central Poland.

The investment programme consisted of several high, medium and low voltage distribution schemes geographically dispersed; it encompassed the construction of new high, medium and low voltage networks as well as the refurbishment of part of the existing network. The investment included the construction of new high to medium and medium to low voltage substations and the enlargement or refurbishment of existing ones, the installation of network automation and remote control components as well as smart meters.

At appraisal, due to the fact that the initial scope of the investment programme included components that could become subject of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and biodiversity assessment, an undertaking was deemed necessary i.e. the Promoter not to allocate the Bank's funds to programme components that require a full EIA until the EIA with the integrated biodiversity assessment has been finalised and approved by the competent authority. The Promoter also undertook to place an electronic copy of all Non-Technical Summaries (NTS) and of the corresponding authorisation decrees on their web-site as soon as the EIA is made available to the public, and to maintain it until completion reporting as required in the finance contract has been achieved. The NTS should be accessible to interested parties via a web-link on the EIB website. Such web-link was to be provided to the Bank at the latest 30 days after signature of the finance contract.

At appraisal, the Promoter reported that for all the schemes of the investment programme all the required approvals decisions and permits, including those related to environmental protection were obtained during the administrative procedure. According to the information provided by the Promoter, the investment programme did not include components that require a full Environmental Impact Assessment under the EU EIA Directive.

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 the EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.