

Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	Augustow Bypass
Project Number:	2013-0205
Country:	Poland
Project Description:	Construction of 34.3 km single and dual carriageway on road 8/61 in Poland.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project fell under Annex I of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive 2011/92/EU, situated in an environmentally sensitive region hosting multiple protected areas and species.

In 2007, an earlier and more environmentally problematic alignment was subject to an infringement proceeding by the EC which resulted in the then ongoing works being suspended by the Polish courts. During 2008 a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) was undertaken for the entire Via Baltica corridor in Poland, of which the project forms a part, to identify the most environmentally acceptable alignment, including alternatives around Augustow. The project finally adopted a new alignment recommended as minimising risks to protected areas.

The project nevertheless had the potential to impact three Natura 2000 areas, thus the provisions of the Birds (2009/147/EC) and Habitats Directives (92/43/EEC) applied. The concerned Nature 2000 sites included the following:

- Puszcza Augustowska PLB200002: Distance 0,4 km from DK8 and 0,2 km from S61
- Ostoja Augustowska PLH200005: Distance 0,6 km from DK 8 and 0,2 km from S61
- Dolina Górnej Rospudy PLH200022: Distance 1,5 km from DK8 and 2,1 km from S61

The EIA for the main road alignment was completed in February 2009, including an assessment of the risks to protected areas. A positive Environmental Decision (RDOŚ-20-WOOS-II-66131-28/09/KG) was issued by the competent regional authority (RDOŚ) on 29.12.2009. Subsequently, in line with current Polish legislation, so called "Supplemental EIAs" detailing the required mitigation measures were prepared as part of the submission for building permits and submitted to the Bank in March and December 2012. Furthermore, an Environmental Decision (ROP.6220.7.2011) was issued by the head of Raczki village on 06.09.2011 in relation to changes on the adjoining secondary road DW 655. Documents similar to Form A were issued on 11.07.2013 and 31.07.2013 with no significant issues identified.

Negative impacts during construction, common for projects of this nature, included land take, noise and vibrations. The completed project however diverts long distance traffic away from the Augustow city and some of the Natura 2000 sites, resulting in environmental improvements in these places.

Public consultations took place as part of the EIA procedure. Suggested environmental mitigation measures were subsequently incorporated in the project, where feasible.



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Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion, based on the reports from the Promoter, that during the construction phase the Project was implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of the appraisal.