

Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	Gdąnsk Road Infrastructure
Project Number:	2008-0563
Country:	Poland
Project Description:	<p>The project consisted of the major reconstruction and extension of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.4 km of the Slowacki road connecting Gdąnsk's airport and seaport, including a new tunnel under river Wisła (length 1,300 m); • 8.430 km of the Sucharski road, linking the Gdąnsk Southern Ring Road with Slowacki road and the Westerplatte ferry terminal through the existing bridge John Paul II (500 m).

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

This project promotes sustainability by enhancing the effectiveness of the transport system in Gdansk linking airport, seaport, tramway with the road network together with facilities for non-motorised road-users. As a result, the project generates decrease in congestion and in traffic-related emissions along the existing urbanised streets.

As reported at appraisal stage, before the start of the construction phase, all the environmental and construction permits had been issued such as a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), a complete EIA covering all the elements of the two sub-projects. Supplementary EIAs were carried out at the building permit stages. In 2010, during the design stage, the Promoter undertook wide public consultation. Due to the outputs of these public consultations, the alignment of Sucharski road was changed and sound barriers were located. While, regarding Slowacki road, the tunnel option was selected instead of a bridge to cross the Martwa Wisła river. Residual impacts including noise, severance, visual impact, and land take were mitigated through noise barriers, animal crossings, pedestrian bridges & underpasses, and landscaping.

The promoter fully complied with Habitats Directive 92/43/ECC in order to avoid impacts on two Natura 2000 sites (Wisłoujście stronghold PLB220030 and Bay of Puck PLB 220005) located in the vicinity of Sucharskiego Road, (0.3 km and 0.1 km respectively). Regarding Slowackiego road, as assessed at appraisal stage, no impacts were detected in the vicinity of two N2000 sites (Zatoka Pucka and Bunkier in Oliwa) where bats live.

Mitigation measures and proper construction management best practices were implemented following the detection of a colony of bats along Sucharskiego Road in Natura 2000 site Wisłoujście Fortress which has been cut by the new alignment of the road. Monitoring studies have stated that the Naterrer's Bat - which is a species protected in Poland - is not present in this area. Proper migration corridors were constructed. This requirement was complied fully in line with the relevant undertaking established in the environmental permits. As envisaged at appraisal, based on the outturn data included in the promoter's PCR, no significant impacts are caused by the project on the environment including Natura 2000 areas.

The promoter monitored the compliance with the special conditions established in the environmental permits to minimise impacts through an environmental monitoring plan which has been implemented during construction to check groundwater level and impacts of vibrations on existing buildings near the construction sites. After one year from the commissioning of the whole infrastructure, a six month post-completion monitoring plan was carried out in order to check especially road noise emissions, efficiency of installation acoustic protection as well as efficiency of rainwater sewage treatment & irrigation system and effectiveness of animal crossings

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Regarding social issues, one road accident in the tunnel was reported. The collision caused fire and “*undisclosed mistakes*” in the tunnel control system and in the traffic management system as reported by the promoter. No data on safety accidents during the construction period or the operation phase related to workers were stated in the promoter’s PCR.

Until March 2017, the following proceedings were still pending:

- 14 cases for contractors claims against the Municipality of the City of Gdansk,
- Administrative proceedings related to land acquisition;
- Settlements regarding reimbursement by the City of Gdansk of security guarantee.

Overall, environmental and social aspects have been addressed in a satisfactory manner.

EIB notes no key Environmental and Social aspects to be monitored during operation.

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 appraisal.

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