

Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	MAGYAR TELEKOM NETWORK DEVELOPMENT
Project Number:	2013-0276
Country:	HUNGARY
Project Description:	The project consisted of investments to improve the availability and quality of the promoter's high speed mobile (3G and LTE) and fixed broadband telecom infrastructures in Hungary, as well as investments in core network and IT systems.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

Investments in telecommunication projects (including investments in base stations, transmission systems and OSS) did not fall under Annex I or II of the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU. Mobile telecommunications systems have limited environmental effects, apart from the visual impact of base station towers and EMF radiation.

Although in recent years the Hungarian Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has not required environmental impact assessment processes (EIA) for Magyar Telekom installations, it was stated at appraisal that in the event these processes would be required, the EIB should receive the Non-Technical Summaries prior to allocation of EIB funds.

During the implementation period, in one particular case an Environmental Study was requested by the municipal authorities but the rule continued to be that mobile Base Transceiver Stations (BTS) do not need EIA that involve a process that is more complex than the preparation of an Environmental Study. The EIB requirement for provision of EIA was therefore not applied to the project. Moreover, the promoter stated that there was no investment in National Park and Nature 2000 territories.

The promoter informed that two planned BTS were not built because of the reaction of the population and that other solutions were found. Otherwise no environmental issues linked to the mobile sites implementations have been reported to the Bank.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the promoter that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.