

Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: POLISH ELECTRICITY GRID MODERNISATION
Project Number: 20120085
Country: Poland
Project Description: Extension and modernization of Central and Eastern Poland's electricity distribution networks operated by PGE Dystrybucja.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project focused on the modernisation and building of new overhead lines, cables, transformers, substations as well as on the installation of meters.

All project schemes fell under Annex II of the EIA directive thus implying a review by the competent authorities at the planning and consent stage with due regard to the necessity for environmental and biodiversity impact assessments. The significant majority of the project schemes financed by the Bank were medium and low voltage reinforcements that did not require formal EIAs and had minimal or no environmental impact. The competent authority decided that two projects, Jasionka and Nowy Zmigrod 11/15 kV Substation had to undergo the full Environmental Impact Assessment. The EIAs did not reveal any significant negative impact of the investments on the environment. Also none of the investment schemes had a significant impact on sites of nature conservation.

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