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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	SLOVENIA EU FUNDS 2007-2013
Project Number:	2012-0504
Country:	Slovenia
Project Description:	Co-financing of priority investments under 2007-2013 National Strategic Reference Framework

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

This multi-sectoral Structural Programme Loan (SPL) co-financed investments supported by EU structural investment funds available in the period 2007-2013. These investments were set forth in Slovenia's National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF) and were included under three Operational Programmes: OP Strengthening Regional Development Potentials, OP Human Resources Development; and OP Environment and Transport Infrastructure Development. The investments covered the sectors of transport, waste management, water, energy, human resources, public infrastructure and services and culture. The Directive 2001/42/EC on SEA has been applied as required by the competent authorities.

The following 5 investments under this Strategic Programme Loan (SPL) were subject to separate approval, and are therefore subject to separate ESCS:

- Rail Reconstruction and Natural Disaster Slovenia
- Upgrade of the Pragersko - Hodos railway line
- Waste Treatment Lubljana
- University of Lubljana Campus
- Implementation of GSM-R Slovenia (railways)

Concerning the remaining 861 investments under the SPL, full environmental impact assessments (EIAs) were carried out where required by the competent national authority in compliance with the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU. Due to changes in the implementation of the EIA Directive and hence amendment to the Environmental Protection Act, a review was undertaken by Inter-ministerial Working Group to assess compliance with new requirements. The review concluded that EIAs and resulting planning decisions were made with the full knowledge of projects' likely significant environmental effects, and that all projects in question were acceptable in terms of their environmental effects having regard to the 2011 Directive. Sufficient mitigation measures were reported to have been incorporated where necessary and no significant adverse environmental or social impacts were identified by the EIAs carried out or reported as having arisen during implementation. Furthermore, where required Appropriateness Assessments were carried out they concluded that there were no significant effects on Natura 2000 sites.

In general, having regard to the outcome of the investments, including greater energy efficiency, protection of water resources, improved public amenities and increased employment potential, the Project may be regarded as having had a net environmental impact that is positive. The Project clearly contributed to a better standard of living for citizens by increasing their sustainable transport options on a national and European wide basis through improved rail infrastructure and by improving upward mobility through the transfer of greater jobs skills and the creation of an improved investment climate. An improved quality of life also



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resulted from the expansion and upgrade of environmental services, notably wastewater treatment and solid waste management systems.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the promoter, site visits by the EIB team and inputs provided by others during construction that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.