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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	<i>RAILWAY STATION RECONSTRUCTION IN VAC</i>
Project Number:	<i>2015-0043</i>
Country:	<i>Hungary</i>
Project Description:	The project concerns upgrading works of the existing railway station in the city of Vác. The station is located on the main railway line No 70, which is part of the TEN-T comprehensive network, and the ERTMS priority corridor.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

No significant environment or social issues were noted.

The project was a major allocation under the Structured Programme Loan "COHESION FUND FL III PHASING RAIL INVESTMENTS (2014-0278)". The project concerned upgrading works on the existing railway station in the city of Vác. The station is located on the main railway line No 70, which is part of the TEN-T comprehensive network, and the ERTMS priority corridor. Vác Station is the most important passenger hub around Budapest.

The 2007-2013 Transport Operational Programme (TOP) for Hungary, under which the project was presented, underwent a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) procedure and the environmental effects were assessed.

The project was classified as within Annex II of the EIA Directive. A screening-out decision was issued by the Middle–Danube Valley Environmental Protection Nature Conservation And Water Authority (Competent Authority) on the 8 January 2010 (KTVF 44821-14/2009).

The project was mainly related to impacts to the air quality, noise and vibration, surface water, groundwater, soil and waste management during construction. Relevant mitigation measures have been implemented to reduce and eliminate these impacts as set as conditions in the environmental permit and its amendment.

These included among others measures of total of 1700 m long noise protecting walls constructed and passive noise protection measures (doors and windows replacement) implemented at different locations. Following the installation of the noise protecting walls, control measurements have been carried out and they have verified compliance with the limit values.

A major accident at work occurred, which resulted death of a person. One of the employees of the Contractor was hit by a fatal electric shock on the electric overhead line pillar.

The project was a rehabilitation of an existing rail infrastructure on a key section of the TEN-T comprehensive corridor. It contributes to sustainable transport objectives by making rail



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transport more attractive and better placed to face competition from road, as well as also contributes to climate adaption.

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.