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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: Telecom Malta
Project Number: 2014-0176
Country: Malta

Project Description: The project, to be implemented between 2014 and 2016, concerns the promoter's investments in Malta to increase the availability and quality of mobile and fixed high speed broadband services based on 3G/UMTS, 4G/LTE and FTTH and xDSL technology. Aiming to provide state of the art quadruple play (mobile, fixed, internet and TV) services to its customers, the project also includes the strengthening of the promoter's IT systems and operations. Compared to the estimates made during appraisal, the promoter decided to reduce the number of xDSL ports and increase the roll-out linked to the FTTH technology. Some of the IT developments included in the project have been delayed or cancelled, while the mobile part of the project has been implemented as planned.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

Neither the installation of mobile nor fixed telecommunication networks fall under Annexes I and II of the EU Directive 2011/92/EC, and are therefore not subject to mandatory Environmental Impact Assessment. Mobile telecommunications systems have limited environmental effects, apart from the visual impact of base station towers and EMF radiation. The disturbances during civil works related to the construction of fixed telecommunication systems can be mitigated by appropriate measures.

Regarding the limitation of EMF exposure to the general public, the promoter has adhered to the guidelines set out by the International Commission for Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP). This has been monitored by the national regulator.

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.