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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: RAIL BORDER-KM 614 (FL2008-0170)
Project Number: 2011-0290
Country: ROMANIA
Project Description: Rehabilitation and upgrading of the existing line between the Romanian-Hungarian border and km 614 (Pan European Corridor IV), over approximately 41km, increasing line speed from 120 to 160km/h.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

At the time of appraisal no major negative environmental impacts were identified, due to the fact that the rehabilitation works fall mainly within the footprint of the existing railway line.

In line with the above, no significant environment or social issues were noted at project completion.

Only temporary disturbances to residents in the nearby areas and to public transport users were registered during construction.

The project has an overall positive effect on the quality of the local and global environment, due to the modal shift from private car users to rail as well as improvement of existing infrastructure such as for level crossings and environmental mitigation (noise barriers).

Substantial time savings to rail users is another clear output of this project thanks to the increase in the commercial speed and reductions in the travel times.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion, based on the information reported by the promoter during Construction, and the site visits carried out by the Bank's services, that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.