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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	PLK RAILWAY MODERNISATION E59 PHASE 2
Project Number:	2012-0032
Country:	Poland
Project Description:	Modernisation of 32 km of twin track railway line

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project was appraised in 2012 and an Environmental and Social Data Sheet is available at <http://www.eib.org/en/infocentre/registers/register/66981402>

With respect to the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive 2001/42/EC, the project forms part of the Polish Railway Master Plan to 2030 as well as the Infrastructure & Environment Operational Program. Both of these have been subject to the strategic level environmental assessment.

The project falls under Annex II of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive 2011/92/EU. In accordance with Polish legislation, the project was automatically screened in and therefore subject to a full EIA procedure. In 2008-2009, an EIA was undertaken and in November 2009, the Competent Authority gave his positive Environmental Decision (ED). Due to subsequent minor design changes, a further EIA report was prepared in 2011 and in June 2011, the Promoter submitted a request to amend the 2009 ED. An amended positive ED was issued in December 2011.

The Competent Authority also required that a further round of environmental assessment was to be conducted at the building permit stage, an activity that is ongoing during 2012. The supplementary decision was obtained in 2013 and the construction permit was issued.

The project runs nearby five Natura 2000 sites, so the provisions of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and Birds Directive (2009/147/EC) applied. The EIA report concluded that with a number of mitigation measures assigned, which shall be more precisely specified during the second stage EIA at the building permit stage, the project was not likely to have a significant negative effect on protected sites or species. In his 2009 and 2011 Decisions, the Competent Authority has detailed conditions, which had to be implemented to mitigate any possible adverse impacts to these sites including the construction of animal passages, improved drainage and treatment systems, restrictions on tree/shrub clearance and altering watercourses plus further monitoring. They reconfirmed this opinion by issuing separate standalone Nature Conservation Forms in late 2012.

No significant environment or social issues were noted during the implementation of the project and no significant problems are foreseen during operations.



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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.