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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	SEPTEMVRI - PLOVDIV RAIL (FL20060411)
Project Number:	2011-0528
Country:	Bulgaria
Project Description:	Modernisation of the Septemvri-Plovdiv Railway line part of the TEN-T network and co-financed with the EU Cohesion Fund; the project has been prepared with Jaspers assistance

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 consists of a railway line rehabilitation between Septemvri and Plovdiv, which includes track works, electrification and signalling system. Moreover, it includes installation of GSM-R equipment and a fibre optic cable on the line Sofia-Septemvri-Plovdiv. All the works are located within the existing right of way except for four road overpasses where land acquisition was necessary.

The project is part of the 2007-2013 SOP-T, which was subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) following Bulgarian legislation, in accordance with the SEA Directive. The SEA decision was issued by the Ministry of Environment and Water (MOEW) in March 2010.

The project falls under Annex II of the EIA Directive and was subject to a case-by-case examination using the criteria listed in Annex III of the EIA Directive, carried out by the competent authority, MoEW. A negative screening decision was issued by the MOEW on 24.03.10 (Decision Number 12-PR/2010).

The project layout crosses three Natura 2000 sites (two Sites of Community Importance and one Special Protected Area). During the screening stage the MoEW, the authority responsible for monitoring the Natura 2000 sites decided that an appropriate assessment as it is required by art. 6 (3) of the Habitats Directive is not deemed necessary.

An Environmental Management Plan (EMP) was prepared and implemented during the construction phase of the project. The EMP addressed the need for environmental safeguards during the construction of the proposed project and facilitated the adoption of environmentally sensitive work practices.

Moreover, the contractors implemented a Waste Management Plan and a Health and Safety Plan.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion, based on reports from the promoter, that the Project was implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.