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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: *Mehedinti Water and Wastewater (Phase I)*
 Project Number: *2015-0707*
 Country: *Romania*
 Project Description: *Allocation under NSRF Co-financing Facility framework loan (2008 0170) in relation to extension and rehabilitation of the water supply and sewerage systems in Mehedinti County (Phase 1).*

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The measures consisted of investments concerning drinking water treatment and distribution, as well as wastewater collection and treatment for 10 agglomerations/water supply zones situated in the County of Mehedinti. The County is located on the border with Serbia and Bulgaria. In the South of the County, the Danube flows, forming a wide valley, with channels and ponds. Another important river is the Motru River in the East side, an affluent of the Jiu River. The project contributes to the protection of water bodies by implementing works that treat wastewater to the standards required by the EU Directive for Urban Waste Water Treatment 91/271 EEC and by ensuring an efficient and sustainable use of water resources. In addition, the project contributes to the compliance of Romania with the EU Drinking Water Directive 98/83/EC.

The Phase I of the project has generally contributed to: (i) Improve the environmental situation in Mehedinti County - and reduce the health risk for the population living in the area due to the extension of sewer networks (ii) improve the water quality in the receptors rivers and (iii) reduce the pollution of soil & subsoil and groundwater.

The Project is part of the SOPs (Sectoral Operational Programmes) that falls under SEA¹ Directive and the procedure was undertaken accordingly.

The Project is covered by Annex II of the EIA Directive 85/337/EEC as amended by Directives 97/11/EC and 2003/35/EC. Negative Screening Decisions were issued for all project components by the Local Environmental Protection Agency Mehedinti:

- No.11/15.06.2010, for Vanju Mare Agglomeration
- No.12/15.06.2010, for Strehaia Agglomeration
- No.7/15.06.2010, for Baia de Arama Agglomeration
- No.8/15.06.2010, for Branistea Agglomeration
- No.10/15.06.2010, for Cujmir Agglomeration
- No.9/15.06.2010 for Comanda Agglomeration
- No.13/15.06.2010, for Rogova Agglomeration
- No.18/25.06.2010, for Gura Vaii Agglomeration

¹ Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment, OJ L 197 of 21.7.2001.



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- No.16/25.06.2010 for Drobeta Turnu Severin Agglomeration
- No.17/25.06.2010, revised on 15.12.2011, for Simian Agglomeration

The negative screening decisions were made available to the public under the web site and at the premises of the EPAs. No remark from the public was registered.

The Relevant authorities confirmed that the Project did not have any significant effect on Natura 2000 sites.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion, based on reports from the promoter that the Phase 1 of the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.