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## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

### Overview

Project Name:	PLK E20 SIEDLCE – BIALA PODLASKA
Project Number:	2012-0408
Country:	Poland
Project Description:	The project concerns track improvements in three stations between Warsaw and the Belorussian border as well as installation of signalling improvements on 78km of double track mainline.

### 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 2013 and an Environmental and Social Data Sheet is available at <http://www.eib.org/en/infocentre/registers/register/47335032>

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. The project spanned two regions, Masovian and Lubelskie, and therefore two Competent Authorities were responsible for the Environment and Nature Conservation. Furthermore, in Masovian region, a separate EIA was performed for a road tunnel under the tracks in Siedlce station included as part of the project. Therefore, the project required three EIA procedures. Environmental assessments were performed in 2007-2008 and the Competent Authorities gave their positive Environmental Decisions (ED) during 2009.

The Competent Authority has not been required a further round of environmental assessment at the building permit stage. The construction permits for all components were obtained.

The project runs within a few kilometres of four Natura 2000 sites and the line crosses known animal migration routes; so the provisions of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and Birds Directive (2009/147/EC) applied. The EIA reports did not identify any specific risks to these areas and migration routes from the proposed investments. In their EDs, the Competent Authorities concluded that the project is not likely to have a significant effect on protected areas. 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.