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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	CITY BY-PASS ZWETTL
Project Number:	20130439
Country:	AUSTRIA
Project Description:	Design, Built, Finance, Operation and Maintenance a bypass road around the city of Zwettl, district capital in the State of Lower Austria, within a PPP Availability Scheme.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The promoter has implemented the compensatory, mitigation and protecting measures in accordance to the EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) issued by the Government of the Lower Austria (AMT Der Niederösterreichischen Landesregierung) on 22 May 2012.

During construction, the environmental monitoring plan was implemented and environmental supervision reports were submitted to the competent authority twice a year.

The measures implemented during construction included among others:

- Forest planting;
- Monitoring of wet areas and ponds in relation to amphibian habitats;
- Implementation of a tree distance requirements to minimise the risks of bird collision on the road;
- Fruit tree planting to restore the agricultural landscape;
- Appropriate management of contaminated materials;
- Monitoring of hydrogeological impacts by monthly measurements in wells;
- Light emission measures to protect insects and bats; and
- Bat expert search and recovery, if needed, before carrying out any tree cutting works.

During operation, the environmental impacts connected to noise, pollution, use of land, groundwater for agricultural use and waste generated by road use are currently being evaluated through the operating monitoring reports, so far, no issues have been reported.

The social impact of the project was deemed positive, due to the reduction on traffic in the city centre of Zwettl.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the promoter, and inputs provided by Lenders' Supervisors during Construction that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB's Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.