



European Investment Bank (EIB)

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## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

### Overview

Project Name:	Railway Infrastructure Upgrading & Safety Spain
Project Number:	2012-0019
Country:	Spain
Project Description:	The project consists of investments for improving safety, rehabilitating and upgrading the conventional railway network in Spain.

### 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 2014 and an Environment and Social Data Sheet is available at <https://www.eib.org/attachments/registers/54956737.pdf>

An EIA Report in line with EIA Directive 2011/92/EU was required for two of the six schemes financed under the project (namely Ronda-Algeciras and electrification works on Medina del Campo-Salamanca) of the remaining four schemes did not fall under Annex I or Annex II and were not subject to the EIA Directive. The Promoter provided the Non-Technical Summaries related to both EIAs as requested.

During implementation, the Promoter has implemented the relevant mitigation measures defined in the environmental authorisation (Declaración de Impacto Ambiental) issued by the Competent Authority including: (i) modifications of the works on viaducts to minimize impact on the river; (ii) restrictions on the timing of tree and shrub clearing to protect nesting; (iii) bird protection measures on the overhead lines, (iv) movement of one tower of the overhead lines to avoid impact on one archaeological site and (v) subsequent monitoring on the sites.

Project schemes are in some cases adjacent to, or crossing through, a NATURA 2000 site. At appraisal, the Promoter has provided the declarations from the Competent Authority confirming that no significant adverse impacts are expected on NATURA 2000 sites.

No significant environment and social issues were noted during the implementation of the project and no significant problems are foreseen during operations. Therefore, the Bank concluded that the project is acceptable from an environmental perspective.

### 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.