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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	ASF - Déplacement de l'A9
Project Number:	2015-0365
Country:	France
Project Description:	The project consists of the relocation works of the A9 around Montpellier in southern France. The new motorway ("A9b", finally called A9) with a 25km length and 2x3 lanes will be dedicated to transit traffic, while the existing motorway ("A9a", finally called A-709) will be used for local traffic.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The promoter has implemented adequate mitigation, reduction and compensation measures, both during construction stage and final measures, such as ecological monitoring of the project, and landscaping measures which included the installation of walls and embankments with vegetation. The project also included the installation of acoustic barriers and the maintenance of ecological corridors, which are essentially the waterways (Mosson, Jez, Jasse, Salaison, Cadoule, and Berange waterways).

During construction stage, the following reduction measures were implemented:

- adaptation of the work schedule in order to minimise impact on fauna;
- creation of temporary shelters for herpetofauna;
- precautions relative to the contributions of materials and ornamental plantations;
- protection measures against accidental and diffuse pollution; and
- ensure that hydraulic structures are adequate for fauna crossing and the maintenance of ecological corridor.

Twelve compensatory measures were also implemented, including but not limited to:

- Restoration and management of 60ha of open areas for the conservation of plant and animal species in dry Mediterranean grasslands;
- Experimental transplant measures in favour of the plants 'Gagé Granatelli' and 'Ail Petit Moly';
- Installation of nest boxes in favour of the European Roller and of the Huppe;
- Measures in favour of the Mercury Agrion and of the Cordulia, restoring and conserving wetlands favourable to species that develop in aquatic environments;
- Creation of breeding sites favourable to the reproduction of amphibians; and
- Development of huts with chiropterans.



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The social impact of the project was deemed positive, due to the anticipated reduction in traffic by the agglomeration of Montpellier, and its associated benefits: reduction of noise and pollution, and improvement of road safety conditions.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

Based on the promoter's reports, EIB supports the opinion that the project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.