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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	A11 BRUGGE PPP
Project Number:	20100717
Country:	BELGIUM
Project Description:	The A11 project is a 13 km motorway on a new alignment connecting the harbour of Zeebrugge and the Belgian coast with the E40 and the E34 motorways in Flanders. It is a dual 2 lane carriageway with a design speed of 120 km/h. Main project components include: 3 interchanges, 1 moveable bridge, 3 viaducts and 3 tunnels, 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 EIA approved on the 29th April 2009 by the Flemish Ministry for Environment.

The project crosses the “Poldercomplex” Special Protection Area and Natura 2000 site BE2500932 and is close to “Polders”, Special Area of Conservation and Natura 2000 site BE 2500002.

The promoter notified to the European Commission the compensatory measures adopted to ensure that the overall coherence of Natura 2000 is protected, in line with the provisions of Article 6.4 of the Habitats Directive.

The measures implemented during construction included among others:

- Water: artificial water catchment ponds to attenuate water run off before it enters the local surface water system.
- Fauna and Flora: in relation to Natura 2000 sites, BE2500932 and BE2500002, a compensation plan was implemented by which 28 ha of Polder grassland and meadows and 8 ha of reed marsh were acquired and developed as alternative habitats.
Other mitigating measures were: reduction in light emission, five eco-tunnels, water catchment ponds and preservation of a number of old hedges.
- Noise: sound barriers.
- Landscape: reduction of visual impact by planting trees and restoration of original landscape features where possible.

The social impact of the project was deemed positive, due to the reduction on traffic in the local roads and local villages.



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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.