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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: HEP RENEWABLE ENERGY CROATIA

Project Number: 20200471
Country: CROATIA

Project Description:

The project scope at appraisal stage consisted of the construction and operation of one onshore wind farm (58 MW) and six small solar PV plants (c.a. 22 MWac), for a total nominal capacity of 79.6MW, located in the Southern parts of Croatia, Splitsko Dalmatinska, Zadasrka, Istria and Primorje-Gorski Kotar counties.

One of the solar PV plants was excluded from the scope of the project. The final total nominal capacity implemented is 72.23 MW.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The appraisal concluded that the environmental and social studies and processes carried out were considered satisfactory provided they are implemented and operated in compliance with the National Environmental legislation transposing the EU directives and EIB's Environmental and Social Standards.

The project was acceptable for Bank financing under environmental aspects, subject to the three additional following undertakings:

"PV Cres: Submission of the report on archaeological assessment once available"

<u>Conclusion</u>: This undertaking is not applicable since this scheme was excluded from the project scope.

"PV Obrovac and PV Marići: Evidence of the land use and designation status including any land conversations and formal evidence (only for PV Marići) that the land is appropriate for the construction of a power plant. As a disbursement condition, the promoter will submit an E&S report for both projects, summarising the E&S impacts including mitigation measures for the operation phase."

<u>Conclusion</u>: The promoter has supplied a complete Site Permit for PV Marići, issued by the authority and justified by the relevant elements of the legislation about the appropriateness of the land of the site. The E&S reports were submitted.

• "Wind Farm Korlat: Submission of the link where the environmental monitoring results will be published pursuant to the competent authority's decision."



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<u>Conclusion</u>: The promoter has submitted the relevant monitoring results, in particular birds, and bats monitoring. Those monitoring reports are included to the file of the project that can be consulted by any interested persons.

Social Assessment, where applicable

No resettlements have been required, nor significant issues or social risks have been noted that may affect the projects' operation.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion

EIB is of the opinion that, based on feedback from the promoter, the project has been implemented in line with the EIB environmental and social requirements, applicable at the time of appraisal.