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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	PKP LHS Railway Improvement Project
Project Number:	20160905
Country:	Poland
Project Description:	Modernisation of the single track broad gauge (1520 mm) rail line linking Ukraine at the Hrubieszow border crossing with Slawkow terminal in Upper Silesia

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project initially included the following components:

- Trackworks: Reconstruction and expansion of two stations and construction of a new passing loop;
- Safety measures: installation of new signalling system equipment at various locations along the whole line and modernisation of about 47 level crossings; and
- Rolling stock: Purchase of track maintenance and monitoring vehicles.

The project scope has been amended during implementation. The trackworks component has been reduced to two stations (Hrubieszow and Zamosc Majdan) and the third station, Zamosc Bortatycze, due to delay of implementation, has been removed from the scope.

The rolling stock component has also been removed. PKP LHS carried out the study to justify the effectiveness of the acquisition of maintenance vehicles and as a result of this study decided in 2019 not to purchase the equipment.

The project was consistent with the Polish Railway Master Plan to 2030 and the Transport Development Strategy to 2020 (with perspective to 2030). These two programmes have been subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) as set out in Directive 2001/42/EC.

.The two stations finally included in the scope, Zamosc Majdan and Hrubieszow, received the screening out decision from environmental competent authority in 2020. Furthermore, the authority concluded that no significant negative impact on the Natura 2000 sites.

The component of modernisation the level crossings, has obtained the screening out decision in 2018 as well as the confirmation of the lack of significant negative impact on Natura 2000 sites (from regional environmental competent authorities) in 2020.

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.