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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)¹

Overview

Project Name:	EUTELSAT ADVANCED BROADBAND SATELLITE
Project Number:	2019-0183
Country:	France
Project Description:	The project concerned the design, purchase and launch of, at the time, the technologically most powerful European satellite for high-speed broadband services including also the ground segment components. The different data services, which will reach up to 200 Mbps, will target residential and business customers in Europe, in northern Africa and the Middle East region. The start of the commercial service was planned for 2022.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project has been successful from commercial, technical and cost perspectives. The Konnect Very High Throughput Satellite (KVHTS) built by Thales Alenia Space, was launched with the Ariane 5 rocket and lifted off from the Guiana Space Centre in Kourou, French Guiana, at 9.45 pm Universal Time (11.45 pm CET) on Wednesday 7 September 2022. This was a fully European achievement.

The launch date slipped by about one year compared to the plans, which was caused by the COVID-19 pandemic (3 months) and also some technical problems at subsystem and at system level. This led also to a delay in the launch of commercial services to 26 October 2023.

The KVHTS maximum capacity is of 500 Gbit/s, as expected during appraisal. This makes KVHTS the largest satellite manufactured in Europe in terms of capacity and will be able to achieve the planned coverage and capacity targets.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the promoter and/or inputs provided by Lenders' Supervisors and others, where applicable, that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.

¹ The template is for ILs and FLs