RAILWAY MODERNISATION

RELEVANCE

MODEL RENAMATION

PROCUREMENT
Modernisation of the 44 km section of railway connecting Zawiercie to Częstochowa

EXPECTED # OF BENEFICIARIES

3.4 MILLION
passengers / year in 2015

9.3 MILLION
passengers / year in 2047

KEY STATS

Thanks to the renovation:

- passenger trains will travel at 160 KM/H
- freight trains will travel at 120 KM/H
- 10 MINUTES less needed to travel on the renovated 44 km section of the railway

The vast majority of Poland's roughly 20,000 km of railway was built in the:

- Late 19TH CENT.
- Early 20TH CENT.

MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS

- Participation of the monitor in the tender evaluation committee.
- Taken on board.
- Code of ethics and whistleblowing procedures in the winning company and its subcontractors. Taken on board.
- Changes in the building law to prevent starting construction works without necessary permission. Taken on board.
- Application of additional control measures on contractors to prevent starting construction works without necessary permission. Not yet taken on board.

IRREGULARITIES

- Inadequate communication between the contracting authority and bidders, including not publishing all replies to bidders’ inquiries at the tender stage.
- Delay in the publication of the environmental approval.
- The monitor identified a conflict of interest between the winning bidder’s head designer and the representative of the contracting authority’s regional unit responsible for accepting construction works.
- Construction works started without the required building permission.

PROJECT

LOCATION

POLAND
Zawiercie, Częstochowa

TIMELINE

01/01/2016
Start of IP project

08/11/2016
Signature of IP by contracting authority

20/07/2017
Signature of design-build contract with winning bidder

20/07/2017
Signature of IP by winning bidder

02/09/2018
Building works have started

03/03/2020
Original end of project

29/12/2020
Monitoring report from the tender phase

05/2020
New end of project

COSTS

€140.7 MILLION
ORIGINAL COST

€108.8 MILLION
CURRENT EST. COST

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Publication of monitoring report on tender stage
- Publication of policy paper based on the findings of the monitoring report
- Workshops for the contractor on anti-corruption in public procurement
- Open workshop / seminar on access to information related to public procurement

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