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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	CHIREC BRUSSELS HOSPITAL
Project Number:	2011-0085
Country:	Belgium
Project Description:	The project consisted in the construction of a new hospital with 545 beds to consolidate the services presently offered by three of the hospitals (“Clinique Edith Cavell”, “Clinique Parc Leopold” and, partially, “Clinique Basilique”, with a total of 562 beds) no longer fit for the provision of healthcare services. The new hospital has been built on a greenfield site in the outskirts of Brussels (as part of a urban renewal project – DELTA), it continues to provide general and specialised care to the population in Brussels and surrounding areas. The two other sites operated by the promoter (“Clinique Braine-l’Alleud” and “Clinique Sainte Anne – Saint Remy”) continued their activity.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project concerned the construction of a new green field hospital to replace three no longer fit for purpose hospitals that were located on constrained sites with difficult access. This project is part of a major urban regeneration scheme (DELTA - Auderghem); the accesses to the new hospital have been optimised accordingly and the situation is significantly improved compared to the three old distinct sites. The operations of the hospital itself, including people and traffic movements, generate therefore positive environmental and social impacts. Road connections to the site and public transport links have been appropriately implemented.

The energy efficiency of the new hospital is significantly improved compared to the situation prior project implementation, thanks to the combined heat and power plant (CHP of 800 kWth / 600kWe), the geothermal facilities and the solar panels that have been implemented as part of the project scope.

Hospitals was not specifically mentioned in the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU (in force at the time of project appraisal) though the project was covered by annex II of the EIA Directive, as it is part of a wider urban development plan. Evidence was duly provided by the promoter confirming that the construction and environmental permits, as required by the Belgian legislation, were obtained; the EIA was completed at the end of 2014 and the related Non-Technical Summary (NTS) has been published on the EIB website April 2015 prior to the disbursement that occurred in January 2016, matching the contractual disbursement condition.

The finance contract included specific undertakings that were also fulfilled by the promoter. It was confirmed that there had not been any major changes in the project scope, objectives, technical description, investment costs, financing mechanisms and economic justification of the hospital (as compared to the information delivered at the time of appraisal) before the commencement of the construction works that actually took place in April 2014.

No significant environment or social issues were noted.



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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 site visits by the EIB team during Construction that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.