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## **Environmental and Social Data Sheet**

### **Overview**

Project Name:	Kanta-Häme Central Hospital
Project Number:	2018-0496
Country:	Finland
Project Description:	Construction of a new central hospital for Kanta-Häme Hospital District in Hämeenlinna, south-western Finland, replacing current outdated facilities and consolidating major healthcare specialties for the region as well as primary healthcare functions.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no

### **Environmental and Social Assessment**

The project supports the replacement of the existing buildings of the Hospital in Hämeenlinna with a new building as well as the rehabilitation an existing building for logistical services. Hospitals and related facilities are not specifically mentioned in the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by 2014/52/EU on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), though the project might be covered by Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development. In the case of urban development, the Directive has been transposed in the national legislation with regard to the establishment of land use and urban development plans (Land Use and Building Act 132/1999). The foreseen construction works will all be carried out next to the existing site in an area that is covered by an existing urban development plan and the promoter confirmed that no EIA has been requested by the Competent Authority within this process.

In respect to traffic, the new building will have a significantly better access by public transport since various bus lines already pass by the site and will stop directly in front of the main entrance.

In respect to energy consumption, the new hospital building has been designed to perform about 21% better than legally required (252°kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/y instead of 320°kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/y). Therefore, and according to the EIB's standards as set out in the CBR (Climate Bank Roadmap), the building has been considered for climate action.

### **Conclusions and Recommendations**

As the project covers construction works within, or close to the existing hospital, no significant impact is expected on the environment. Overall, the replacement of the outdated building will improve hygiene and safety conditions and will allow the promoter to apply better stringent statutory and technical conditions. By enabling a better coordination between the different departments of the hospital, the project will enable the introduction of better and more cost effective methods for medical treatment and includes beneficial elements in terms of social cohesion and protection.

Due to the use of new materials and technologies, the new building will increase the overall energy efficiency. In light of the above, the overall environmental and social rating of the project is therefore considered acceptable.