

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	Mental Healthcare Infrastructure in Belgium
Project Number:	2019-0629
Country:	Belgium
Project Description:	The project contributes to the 5-year capital investment programme (2020-2024) of one of the largest provider of mental healthcare and assisted living in Belgium. The more than 23 individual sub-projects cover investments in new and existing buildings to adapt the existing mental healthcare infrastructure to the actual medical and organisational needs.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no

### Environmental and Social Assessment

The project concerns a defined programme of more than 23 investments and interventions for the consolidation, extension or modernisation of public mental public healthcare facilities in Belgium, predominantly in Flanders. Hospitals and assisted living facilities are not specifically mentioned in the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU amending EU Directive 2011/92/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 (Decreet van 14 december 2016 decreet tot wijziging van het decreet van 5 april 1995 houdende algemene bepalingen inzake milieubeleid). The foreseen construction works will be carried out in an area that is covered by an existing urban development plan and the promoter confirmed that so far all building permits have been issued without requesting an Environmental Impact Assessment as per the national and regional legislation that is aligned with the EIA Directive. If an EIA will be required by the competent authority, the promoter shall provide to the EIB the full EIA document.

The developments outlined in the project are in line with all relevant international and national policies, mental health reform programmes and strategic plans including the Belgian Federal Reform of Mental Health Care (2010) (adults) and 2015 (children and adolescents), the Article 26 (Integration of persons with disabilities) of the EUROPEAN CHARTER of FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS, as well as the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCPRD). Measures and services foreseen within the project are expected to facilitate the inclusion of the people/patients in the society including their access to health care, education, employment, culture and sports activities in accordance with the human rights based approach put forward by the UNCPRD.

In respect to energy consumption, the new buildings will be designed and constructed to the the sustainability criteria of the Flemish government (VIPA), which meets the requirements of the Energy Performance in Buildings Directive 2010/31/EU.

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## Conclusions and Recommendations

The project will enable the promoter to improve the provision of mental healthcare as well as a better integration of assisted living. Due to the use of new materials and technologies the project will increase the overall energy efficiency, free space in outdated buildings and enable the promoter to improve hygiene and safety conditions in the new and rehabilitated facilities.

In light of the above, the overall environmental and social rating of the project is therefore considered acceptable and eligible for the Bank's financing.