

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	SVILUPPO SOSTENIBILE REGIONE LAZIO COVID-19 FL
Project Number:	2020-0096
Country:	Italy
Project Description:	The operation will support a multi-sector investment programme of the Lazio Region. This operation can also finance emergency measures to fight against COVID-19 pandemic.
EIA required:	This is multi-scheme investment programme. Individual schemes might fall under Annex II of the EIA Directive and need to be screened by the Competent Authority.
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The operation will support a multi-sector investment programme of the Lazio Region. The investment programme is plan-led and well embedded in the context of the Documento Strategico di Programmazione 2018-2023 for the XI Legislature (Programming Strategic Document for 2018-2023-DSP), addressing a balanced territorial development. The schemes selected focus on climate resilience, taking into account mitigation and adaptation, as well as on the improvement of public services provision by means of public infrastructure enhancement.

Relevant environment EU Directives have been transposed into the Italian national (SEA Directive, EIA Directive, Birds and Habitats Directives, Energy Performance of Buildings Directive). The region has a database accessible through the Internet where the process of SEA implementation can be followed:

http://www.regione.lazio.it/rl_urbanistica/?vw=contenutiDettaglio&id=151

All municipal urban development plans are subject to SEA. Some schemes may fall under Annex II of EIA Directive 2014/52/EU (amending Directive 2011/92/EU), requiring an EIA screening by the national competent authority on the basis of Annex III to determine the need for a full EIA.

The schemes financed will be energy efficiency in public buildings, upgrading of public infrastructure, environmental protection, restoration and efficient use of natural and cultural resources, sustainable transport, risk management and reconstruction after weather events,

¹ Only projects that meet the scope of the Carbon Footprint Exercise, as defined in the EIB Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: 20,000 tonnes CO₂e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tonnes CO₂e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

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etc. as well measures to fight against the COVID-19 crisis. The operation will therefore support Integrated Territorial Development, Environmental Protection, Natural Resources Efficiency and Energy Efficiency.

The adverse environmental impacts of the financed schemes are expected to be short-lived and reversible, at a level, which is deemed acceptable. Potential negative environmental effects (e.g. dust and noise during construction) are to be alleviated by implementing effective mitigation measures.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

All schemes subject to EIA will have public consultation. The Lazio region applies the national legal framework with regards to EIA and SEA transposed directives.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Overall, the schemes under this operation are expected to generate a wide range of positive environmental and social impact, despite some possible minor negative effects during the construction period.

The Promoter will be required to act according to the provisions of the relevant EU Directives, including SEA (2001/42/EC), EIA (2014/52/EU amending 2011/92/EU), Habitats (92/43/EEC) and Birds (2009/147/EC) Directives as transposed into national law and/or provincial law. In schemes requiring EIA, the Promoter will be requested to deliver the Non-Technical Summary (NTS) to the Bank. For schemes triggering Art. 4.7 of the Water Framework Directive (WFD), the Promoter has to provide evidence of the compliance with the WFD before the Bank funds are allocated.

The Promoter shall not commit any EIB funds against schemes that require an EIA or biodiversity assessment according to EU, national and provincial law without, prior to commitment, receiving consent from the competent authority, and having the EIA process successfully completed, including information to and consultation with the public, if and when required by applicable EU legislation.

For medium and large schemes, the Promoter shall submit to the Bank the full EIA and Non-Technical Summary of the EIA for publication on the Bank's website. The Promoter shall also submit Nature/Biodiversity Assessments or equivalent documents supporting the compliance with the EU Habitats and Birds Directives – Form A/B or equivalents.

For schemes having a potential impact on protected areas, including Natura 2000 sites, the Promoter has to provide evidence of the compliance (including screening) with the Habitats and Birds Directives (if applicable).

The institutional capacity of the Promoter to manage the environmental and social issues is deemed good. Therefore, subject to the conditions mentioned above, this operation is acceptable for the Bank in environmental and social terms.