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## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	JURMALA URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE
Project Number:	20190785
Country:	Latvia
Project Description:	The Project is a multi-sector Framework Loan operation to finance the multi-year investment programme of the City of Jurmala.
EIA required:	This is a multi-scheme Framework Loan operation. Some of the schemes may fall under Annex II of the EIA Directive and have to be screened in.
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>1</sup> :	no

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

The project to be financed by EIB consist in an investment programme in line with the Jūrmala city's Urban Development Strategy for 2010-2030, Tourism Development Action Plan for 2018-2020, cultural environment development plan for 2017-2020, Kemeris development vision, and other actions and development plans of Jūrmala city.

The proposed project is structured as a municipal framework loan dedicated to public infrastructure of the City of Jurmala. The project comprises multi-sector investments with focus primarily on education and sport facilities, renovation including energy efficiency of some public building, Urban green areas, Small Scale Municipal Infrastructure, and Urban transport. Some of the schemes may benefit from the EU grant support through European Structural Investment Funds.

Latvia, as an EU Member State, has transposed the relevant EU Directives 2011/92/EU Directive and 2001/42/EC into the national environmental legislation. According to the Promoter an EIA is not required for the investments planned under this project.

One of the investments planned under this project is related to the "Development of Complex - Nature Education Centre (Kemeris)", and it is located in the neutral zone of the specially protected nature territory "Kemeris National Park" (Natura 2000). In accordance with the Law of the Republic of Latvia "Kemeris National Park Law", the neutral zone has been established to promote the development of resort facilities, preserve the landscape and architecture of the

<sup>1</sup> 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 CO<sub>2</sub>e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

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area and promote sustainable development of the national park, as well as maintenance and development of transport infrastructure.

The initial environmental impact assessment assesses the potential impact on ecology and biodiversity, and the impact is assessed as insignificant.

### **Social Assessment, where applicable**

The planned investments are expected to result in positive social impact, for example the investment related the separated bicycle lanes will increase safety on roads and improve prevalence of a healthy lifestyle. Decreased number of accidents will decrease the economic impact on several aspects of human capital.

Moreover, by improving the accessibility to social services and the mobility of citizens will increase the access of Jūrmala residents to the labour market.

### **Governance**

This is the first Project with the Municipality of Jūrmala. However, based on the organisational and coordination capabilities demonstrated during the appraisal discussions, the promoter's implementation capacities are deemed good.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The Project is expected to result in positive social and environmental impact. Prior to disbursement against any specific scheme, the Promoter (the city of Jūrmala) will be required to provide the Bank the evidence that schemes comply with relevant provisions of the environmental EU Directives, including EIA (2014/52/EU amending 2011/92/EU), Habitats (92/43/EEC) and Birds (2009/147/EC) Directives as transposed into the national law.

In addition, the Promoter will be requested to deliver EIAs (if applicable) to the Bank before the Bank funds are disbursed. Moreover, and upon the Bank's request, the Promoter will be requested to provide selected Energy Performance Certificates obtained in line with the EU Directive 2010/31/EU during implementation or after completion of works.

The capacity of the promoter to address and manage environmental and social issues was assessed during appraisal and is deemed good. Therefore, and subject to the conditions mentioned above, the operation is considered acceptable for the Bank in environmental and social terms.