

Public

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	COVID-19 IASI REGIONAL HOSPITAL
Project Number:	20200204
Country:	Romania
Project Description:	The project consists of the construction and equipment of the new Regional Emergency Hospital in Iasi. The project's main objective is to improve the quality and efficiency of medical services for the patients requiring acute emergency, secondary and tertiary level interventions requiring high-level technology and expertise in the country's NE Region.
EIA required:	yes
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

(details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project consists of the construction of a new Regional Emergency Hospital in Iasi with 850 beds. The hospital will become a tertiary level hub for hospital network in North East region to deal with critical patients and cases that require high-level technology and expertise.

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 is covered by Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development.

The screening stage of the Environmental Impact Assessment procedure for the construction of the new Hospital in Iasi was initiated in June 2018. Following the Technical Analysis Committee meeting held on October 4th, 2018, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a positive EIA screening decision. Public information procedure followed and the EPA issued its official decision concluding that the project is subject to an environmental impact assessment.

The public debate on the EIA of the project in Iasi took place in December 2018. The environmental permit for the construction of the Hospital in Iasi was issued by the EPA on 21.12.2018 (agreement no. 8/21.12.2018).

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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Overall, the new hospital will improve quality of care and safety. Due to the reduced footprint and the use of new materials and technologies, the new building will also increase the energy efficiency of the promoter's nursing care infrastructure.

The promoter has estimated the final energy consumption to be 143.18 kWh/m²/year, while approximately 72 kWh/m²/year are produced from renewable sources. The CO₂ emissions are estimated to be around 38.13 kgCO₂/m²/year.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The project consists of the construction of a new Regional Emergency Hospital in Iasi with 850 beds.

A full Environmental Impact Assessment, in accordance with the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU was carried out in December 2018, the public debate on the EIA of the project took place and the environmental permit for the construction of the Hospital was issued by the Environmental Protection Agency on 21.12.2018 (agreement no. 8/21.12.2018).

The full Environmental Impact Assessment including the Non-Technical Summary has been submitted to the Bank and will be published on the Bank's webpage.

The project aims to improve the delivery of healthcare services in Romania and includes beneficial elements in terms of social cohesion and protection. The promoter has implemented measures to maximize the energy performance of the new hospital. As such, the project presents high potential health and social benefits for the society. In light of the above, the project is considered acceptable for financing by the Bank.