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## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name: COVID-19 RESPONSE ROMANIA PUBLIC SECTOR  
Project Number: 2020-0654  
Country: Romania  
Project Description: Financing of investments designed to strengthen the Romanian Healthcare Sector and to improve preparedness and responsiveness to the COVID-19 pandemic and similar threats.

EIA required: to be determined

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise<sup>1</sup>: no  
(details for projects included are provided in section: “EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise”)

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

This project consists of financing fifteen schemes in the twelve Romanian counties, in relation to the current COVID-19 pandemic crisis and the country's future health emergency preparedness capacity. The investments are framed by the Government Ordinance no. 16 of August 19, 2014. The investment components include different interventions for health infrastructure adaptations, renovations, extensions, construction of new building blocks and equipment, to be carried out in existing facilities, already authorised for the same purpose.

Hospital and healthcare infrastructure are not specifically mentioned in the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU; however, they may be covered by Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development.

The infrastructure related schemes could be subject to screening, however, on the basis of the technical explanatory documentation issued by the promoter for the mentioned

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<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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interventions, the majority of the schemes have already been screened out, and for the others, it is not expected that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) under the Directive 2014/52/EU amending the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU will be required for any of the investments.

In any case, the EIB will ask for copies of the necessary permits and/or screening decisions by the relevant competent authorities in relation to the infrastructure renovation schemes. Should an EIA be required for any of the schemes, the promoter shall be requested to send a full copy to the EIB.

In consideration of the expected health infrastructure heavier refurbishment and extension schemes of the plan, the EIB estimates that approximately 10% of the investment costs will be used to finance renewable energy and energy efficiency measures in public buildings, hence contributing to the Climate Action target.

### **Social Aspects**

Various schemes will specifically target territorial settings in different regions of the Country, in relation to the pandemic preparedness capacity improvements, as triggered and accelerated by the COVID-19 crisis. Therefore, the EIB expects that the project will have a significant positive social impact leading to improved future health emergency preparedness and response capacity.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

This project consists of financing fifteen schemes in twelve Romanian counties, in relation to the current COVID-19 pandemic crisis and the country's future health emergency preparedness capacity. A background legal and technical framework, as set by the Romanian Government and the Ministry of Health, outline the investment plan. This will cover capital costs related to health infrastructure adaptations, renovations, extensions and medical equipment.

As such, on the basis of the technical explanatory documentation issued by the promoter, it is not expected that an EIA will be required for any of the schemes. With particular reference to the territorial approach of the plan, and in relation to the envisaged country's improved future health emergency preparedness and response capacity, the EIB expects that the investment will have a significant positive social impact.

Undertakings: the promoter undertakes to inform the Bank's services about any significant environmental issue that might emerge in relation to the health infrastructure schemes and interventions and any possible related EIA requirement from the competent authority. The promoter also undertakes to supply the EIB with the relevant data and information concerning the energy efficiency measures adopted along the implementation of the schemes.

With the conditions proposed and the eligibility criteria in place, the project is considered to be acceptable for the Bank's financing from an environmental and social point of view.