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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name: *COVID-19 RESPONSE HUNGARY PUBLIC SECTOR II*
Project Number: *2021-0158*
Country: *Hungary*
Project Description: *Financing the costs of the Covid-19 emergency in the Hungarian public sector.*

EIA required: No

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise¹: No
(details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project consists of the financing of the operational and capital expenditures aimed at strengthening the response of Hungary against the COVID – 19 crisis. The main objectives of the project will be to provide: (i) personal protective equipment needed both for vaccination and an enhanced emergency preparedness during the project; (ii) Medical equipment related to medical services provided to COVID-19 patients; (iii) other consumables, drugs, diagnostic kits and diagnostic equipment related to the response against the COVID-19 crisis.

The investments in goods and consumables included in the project do not fall under any Annexes of the EIA Directive; moreover, they will target existing facilities already authorised for the purpose of providing healthcare services. As such, the project does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment as per Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU.

Conclusions and Recommendations

If successful, the project will mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 in Hungary, bringing benefits to its population.

Therefore, 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 in environmental and social terms.

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.