

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	PORTS OF GENOA – NEW INVESTMENT PROGRAM FL
Project Number:	2020-0263
Country:	Italy
Project Description:	Framework Loan to co-finance the new investment program in the Ports of Genoa and Savona, including the new Genova breakwater, rail accesses and terminals, shore-side electrical supply points, port security infrastructure and flood control and protection works.
EIA required:	Multi-investment project, EIA requirements vary
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	No

Environmental and Social Assessment

All components of the investment programme will be located within the service area of the Ports of Genoa and Vado-Savona or in its vicinity. The Port of Genoa is a Core TEN-T port and Vado-Savona a comprehensive port, both included in the Rhine Alpine Corridor.

The following list includes potential projects identified by the Promoter at appraisal stage:

- New breakwater of the Port of Genoa;
- Parco Fuori Muro: new electrified railway terminal with capacity to receive 750m long trains at the Port of Genoa;
- Shore-side electric supply points (cold ironing) at ferry and cruise berths of the Port of Genoa;
- New railway infrastructure at the container terminal Ronco-Canepa and at the corresponding connections to the national rail network (Port of Genoa);
- Adaptation of existing infrastructure to security standards (Port of Genoa);
- Flood control works at Torrente Segno (Vado-Savona);
- Shore-side electric supply points (cold ironing) at the cruise berth of the Port of Vado-Savona;

Final eligibility of the aforementioned schemes and their compliance with environmental, climate and social requirements of the EIB will be checked at allocation stage. This list is not final and might be updated during allocation phase.

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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The Promoter has experience in the implementation of similar projects within the port sector and has been undertaking similar ones recently. The technical department of the Promoter includes a unit dedicated to environmental matters. The Bank's appraisal officers met virtually some of the Promoter's staff members in several conference calls held in 2020 and 2021. The Promoter's project team is technically competent and experienced in environmental related aspects of the framework loan and the corresponding projects.

Environmental Assessment

Some of the preliminary schemes may fall under Annex I or Annex II of the Directive 2014/52/EU amending the Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on environment (EIA Directive). The Promoter will be requested to provide the corresponding environmental impact assessment (EIA) report (s), its / their approval (s) and / or screening decision (s) for each of the proposed schemes, where necessary, at the time of allocation.

Likewise, the extent of the impacts (if any) and the proposed mitigation measures associated to the different schemes will be analysed at the time of their allocation.

It is a requirement that all schemes must be implemented in compliance with EU environmental legislation. In particular, should any of such schemes have a potential impact on protected habitats, the Bank would require the Promoter to act according to the provisions of the Habitats and Birds Directives. Such compliance will be required prior to allocation of each of the schemes within the framework loan. The Bank notes that the Ports of Genoa and Vado-Savona are located in the proximity of certain protected sites such as: Fondali Noli – Bergeggi (IT1323271), Roca dei Corvi – Mao Mortu (IT1323203), Fondali Varazze – Albisola (IT1322470) and Fondali Boccadasse – Nervi (IT1332576).

Some of the project schemes may be vulnerable to climate change. This will be assessed more in detail prior to the allocation of the different schemes. The impacts that climate change may have on the schemes themselves and the extent to which the project will be able to adapt to possible changes in the climate over the course of its lifetime will also be addressed at that time.

Compliance of each scheme with the provisions of the Water Framework Directive (Directive 2000/60/EC), if and where relevant, will also be verified by the Bank's Services at allocation of each of the schemes.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

Where required, public consultation will be conducted in line with the principles of the EIA Directive. The Bank will verify compliance with such requirement at allocation of the different project schemes.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The Promoter will be required by the Bank to provide evidence, in line with the applicable legislation and prior to allocation of the different schemes, which may include:

- (i) a copy of the full EIA report, as well as the non-technical summary (NTS), or a decision screening out the scheme issued by the Competent Authority, as appropriate;
- (ii) a signed declaration from the Competent Authority for Nature Conservation on the assessment carried out under the EU Habitats and Birds Directives or equivalent;
- (iii) a Climate Vulnerability Risk Assessment, where relevant;
- (iv) an assessment under the EU Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC), if applicable.

Conditions

- The Promoter shall not commit any EIB funds against schemes prior to the completion of environmental procedures: (a) schemes that require an EIA and/or biodiversity assessment according to the applicable Directives and national law, without prior to commitment, receiving the consent from the Competent Authority, and the EIA, including the NTS, having been made available to the Public. (b) schemes that have a negative screening decision, without prior to commitment, receiving the decision of the competent authority that was made available to the public and the documentation according to Annex IIa of the EIA Directive, possible communications to the EC services.

Undertakings

- The Promoter shall ensure that adequate environmental, social, health and safety management plans, defined according to the legal requirements and related documents, are implemented and monitored during the construction of the project, and will notify the Bank of any unexpected environmental impacts or incidents during the works.

Under the above conditions and undertakings being met, the project is acceptable for EIB financing.