

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	<i>GALICIA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMME</i>
Project Number:	<i>20200151</i>
Country:	<i>Spain</i>
Project Description:	Extension and modernization of two reference public university hospital complexes located in the Autonomous Community of Galicia.
EIA required:	no
The project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no
(details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")	

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project concerns the modernization of two University Hospital Complexes (i) *Complejo Hospitalario Universitario de Pontevedra* (CHUP) and the (ii) *Complejo Hospitalario Universitario de Ferrol* (CHUF). The project involves both, construction of new buildings and rehabilitation of existing facilities.

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.

In the case of the CHUF, the new construction works are being carried out next to the existing Arquitecto Marcide Hospital, in an area that is covered by an existing urban development plan. The promoter confirmed that no EIA has been requested by the Competent Authority within this process.

For the construction works of the new Montecelo Hospital (CHUP), the promoter was required to carry out a simplified Environmental assessment (Declaración ambiental estratégica) that was submitted to the Competent Authority. The process concluded with a favourable opinion from the Competent Authority issued on 19th June 2019.

Overall, the rehabilitation and extension of the outdated facilities will improve hygiene and safety. Due to the reduced footprint and the use of new materials and technologies, the new and modernised buildings will increase the overall energy efficiency.

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Conclusions and Recommendations

The component of the project in Ferrol, consists of construction works within, or close to, the existing hospital, thus no significant impact is expected on the environment. In the case of the Montecelo Hospital, the promoter has followed the established procedures and obtained the necessary permits.

Overall, the replacement of outdated buildings will improve energy efficiency as well as hygiene and safety conditions. By enabling better coordination between the different departments of the hospitals, the project will enable the introduction of better and more cost-effective methods for medical treatment and includes beneficial elements in terms of social cohesion and protection.

In light of the above, the overall environmental and social rating of the project is therefore considered acceptable.