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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: H HART HOSPITAL ROESELARE-MENEN (B)
Project Number: 20130045
Country: Belgium
Project Description: Construction of a building for a general hospital on a new site in the city of Roeselare merging 2 existing hospitals.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

EIB notes the following key Environmental and Social outcomes at Project Completion.

The project concerned the construction of a new hospital building in the outskirts of Roeselare in western Belgium, about 40 km south of Brugge. The project enabled the consolidation of the services provided on two outdated sites in one new building.

Hospitals are not specifically mentioned in the Directive 2011/92/EU on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) as amended by the Directive 2014/52/EU though the project might be covered by Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development. In the case of urban development, the Directive has been transposed in the national legislation about the establishment of land use and urban development plans (Ruimtelijke Uitvoeringsplannen). Since the expected traffic generated by the new hospital (800 vehicles per hour) reached the relevant threshold of the national legislation (1 000 vehicles within two hours), the project was screened-in for an EIA. The related process was concluded satisfactorily on 23rd March 2010, and the relevant authority issued the environmental permit on 25th February 2011. Following the recommendations of the EIA, a new access has been constructed to the existing main road, and given that the additional traffic generated by the hospital for this main road is marginal compared to the current traffic flows, no further mitigation measures were requested.

Overall, replacing the various outdated buildings with a new facility has improved hygiene and safety conditions and no significant environmental or social issues were noted.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

The project enables the promoter to consolidate medical care in one modern building designed according to the current need of patients and staff. Due to the use of new materials and technologies, the project increased overall energy efficiency, free space in outdated buildings and enabled the promoter to improve hygiene and safety conditions.

EIB is of the opinion based on reports provided from the promoter that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.