

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	SFVG REGIONAL SUSTAINABLE HEALTHCARE
Project Number:	2022-0007
Country:	Netherlands
Project Description:	Financing the first phase of the long-term investment programme of Sint Franciscus Gasthuis and Vlietland Ziekenhuis, a general hospital operator in the greater Rotterdam area.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

The project concerns a defined programme of various investments and interventions for the rehabilitation, reorganisation and extension of two existing hospitals. Besides the partly reconfiguration and rehabilitation of the existing facilities, the project supports the extension of an existing hospital with a new building. 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 urban development, the Directive has been transposed in the national legislation with regard to the establishment of land use and urban development plans. The foreseen construction works will all be carried out next to the existing site in an area that is covered by an existing urban development plan and the promoter confirmed that no EIA has been requested by the Competent Authority for the actual project while issuing the relevant building permits.

The new building complies with the local normative regarding the Energy Performance of buildings and is therefore in line with the Paris Agreement. In addition, the new building fulfils the first two substantial contribution criteria of the delegated act in respect to the EU Taxonomy for the construction sector (performance less than 10 % of NZEB, air-tightness and thermal integrity). According to 2022 Guidance Note on the Eligibility of Projects and Investments, the project cost qualifies under the Bank's cross-sector eligibility "Climate Action, Mitigation - Energy Efficiency".

The project has a significant gender component, due to the measures taken by SFVG to provide a more inclusive working environment and offer quality employment, including to female employees that account for more than 80% of the work force. The EIB project will in particular contribute to improving the onsite childcare service for staff through the provision of a new, relocated facility, with greater outdoor space and a safe drop-off/collection point. Other quality employment measures, which could serve to address women's barriers to quality employment during project operation, include tailored career development and mentoring opportunities, as well as a system of "multiple-choice" employment conditions, which aims at providing flexibility to staff according to their preferences and needs.

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Conclusions and Recommendations

As the project covers construction works within or close to the existing hospital, no significant impact is expected on the environment. Overall, the new building will improve hygiene and safety conditions and will allow the promoter to apply better stringent statutory and technical conditions. By enabling better coordination between the different departments of the hospital, 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 project is considered acceptable for EIB financing.