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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	UKRAINE SOLIDARITY PACKAGE - PROGRAMME EU MS
Project Number:	2022-0249
Country:	EU Member States
Project Description:	Programme Loan aimed at financing investments in EU Member States incurred in relation to the Ukrainian crisis.
EIA required:	Multi-scheme Framework Loan operation – some of the schemes may fall under Annex II of the EIA Directive and may have to be screened in.
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The operation consists of a Programme Loan aimed at financing investments in EU Member States in response to the Ukrainian conflict and in particular to provide adequate infrastructure to accommodate the large number of refugees, predominantly women, children and elderly persons, fleeing their country. The Operation is expected to contribute to new construction, refurbishment and extension of infrastructures, thereby increasing the capacity of cities and regions to adequately respond to the needs of refugees and host communities.

There will be underlying sub-operations under this Programme Loan. The EIB services will verify during the individual appraisal of each sub-operation the compliance with the relevant EU Directives: EU EIA Directive 2011/92/EU amended by 2014/52/EU, EU Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC and EU Birds Directive 2009/147/EC. The competent authorities are expected to be regional and local authorities of EU Member States who have the competence in the field of environmental protection.

Given the scope of this Programme Loan expected to include mostly urban infrastructures and investments in housing, health, education and other social infrastructures, it is likely that most of the sub-operations or schemes under the sub-operations will not be subject to EIA. However, if/when an EIA is required for any of the sub-operations or any of the individual schemes under the sub-operations; this will be verified during the separate appraisal of each sub-operation. The status of any environmental studies and public consultations related to the investments as well as the alignment of energy efficiency requirements with the EU Directive on the Energy Performance of Buildings (EPBD, 2018/844/EU) will also be further assessed during the separate appraisals.

All projects to be supported will be in accordance with the applicable Urban and Regional Development Plans and Strategies, Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans, National and Regional Water Management, Flood Management and Waste Management Plan.

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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Social Assessment, where applicable

The Operation is expected to support investments in infrastructures in connection with the adoption of the Temporary Protection Directive, which was triggered for the first time by the European Council to offer quick and effective assistance to people fleeing the war in Ukraine. The Temporary Protection Directive (2001/55/EC) gives beneficiaries the right to access housing, employment, social welfare, medical care, education and access to the asylum procedure.

In response to the Ukrainian conflict and in support to the implementation of the Temporary Protection Directive, the Operation aims at providing adequate infrastructures, particularly in the housing, healthcare and education sectors but also potential investments in urban regeneration, green spaces and sports/cultural facilities. All these investments are expected to have a positive contribution in the wellbeing and social inclusion of refugees and host communities.

As the Ukrainian refugee population predominantly consists of women, children and older people, the Operation focuses on the provision of adequate infrastructure to address their needs.

Any potential refugee and asylum seeker accommodation facilities, which are restricted to or exclude persons from specified national, ethnic or religious groups, or other types of segregation and/or discrimination are not eligible. Reception centres, if any, have to meet the requirements of the EU Receptions Conditions Directive (2013/33/EU).

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

Only in case of sub-operations subject to an EIA, the consultation process will be required and verified by the EIB services.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The Promoters' capacity regarding Environmental, Social and Climate management, governance and monitoring systems will be further appraised during the separate appraisal of the sub-operations.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The underlying operations under this Programme Loan will be subject to separate appraisal process. It is expected that the sub-operations, subject to the conditions outlined below, will be acceptable for EIB financing in environmental and social terms.

Prior to disbursement against any specific scheme, the Promoters will provide to the Bank the evidence that sub-operations or schemes under each sub-operation comply with relevant provisions of the environmental EU Directives, including EIA (2014/52/EU amending 2011/92/EU), Habitats (92/43/EEC) and Birds (2009/147/EC) Directives as transposed into the national law. In addition, the Promoters will be requested to deliver EIAs Reports and public consultation information (if applicable) to the Bank before the Bank funds are disbursed. Upon the Bank's request, the Promoters will be requested to provide selected Energy Performance Certificates obtained in line with the EU Directive 2010/31/EU during implementation or after completion of works.



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The Promoters will undertake that the sub-operations or schemes under each sub-operation, if applicable, are in line with the EU Directive 2013/33/EU of The European Parliament and of The Council of 26 June 2013 laying down the standards for the reception of asylum seekers including freedom of movement, families, vulnerable groups, medical screening, health care, schooling, education and vocational training.

Overall, the Operation's net environmental impact is expected to be positive and it should bring about important social benefits to the refugees and hosting communities. The investments to be financed will significantly contribute to increase the capacity of Member States, regions and cities to respond to the needs of refugees and hosting communities; ensure improvement of the urban environment and adequately contribute to their quality of life, whilst avoiding discrimination and ensuring fair treatment to all groups of society.

Therefore, subject to the conditions described above, the Operation is acceptable for the Bank in environmental and social terms.