

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	VICURIE SUSTAINABLE HEALTHCARE
Project Number:	2022-0049
Country:	Netherlands
Project Description:	The investment plan (2022 to 2027) of VieCuri, a top clinical hospital in the Netherlands, for the modernisation and extension of the main campus in Venlo and the replacement of the outdated building in Venray with a new facility.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

The project concerns the replacement of the existing buildings of the Hospital in Venray with a new building, as well as the extension and rehabilitation of the existing hospital facilities in Venlo. Hospitals and related facilities are not specifically listed 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 into the national legislation with regard to the establishment of land use and urban development plans. The foreseen construction works will all be carried out in an area that is covered by an existing urban development plan. Considering the size, location and extent of the foreseen construction, the promoter does not expect that an EIA will be requested, also the relevant permits are still pending.

The promoter developed a detailed plan (Projectroutekaart zorg 2021-2025) to reduce the CO₂ Emissions by about 49% until 2030 and by 95% until 2050 (compared to 2013). The components financed by the project are an integral component to reach this target. As such, this project is aligned with both EU low carbon and resilience goals and the policies set out in the Climate Bank Roadmap. Due to the considerable improvements in energy efficiency in Venlo and since the new building in Venray fulfils the first two substantial contribution criteria of the Delegated Act in respect to the EU Taxonomy for the construction sector (primary energy performance more than 10% below NZEB, air-tightness test and thermal integrity), the project costs partly qualify under the Bank's cross-sector eligibility "Climate Action, Mitigation - Energy Efficiency".

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 hospital's different departments, 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.

The Finance Contract will include an undertaking that the promoter should provide the EIB with documents supporting the execution of an EIA procedure in case the full Environmental Impact Assessment is requested for the construction of the new hospital building in Venray.

In light of the above, the project is considered acceptable for EIB financing.