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## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	ISCTE STUDENT RESIDENCES AND CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT
Project Number:	2020-0651
Country:	Portugal
Project Description:	The Project concerns the campus modernisation and extension of ISCTE - Instituto Universitário de Lisboa, and the development of new student residential buildings in the Lisbon Metropolitan Area.
EIA required:	May be - multiple investments scheme
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>1</sup> :	No
(details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")	

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

The Project primarily comprises new construction, extension, light and major renovation of university buildings for training purposes as well as student residences.

Schools and related facilities are not specifically mentioned in the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU though may fall under Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development. For the latter case, this means that the decision as to whether an EIA is required is left with the competent authority on the basis of the criteria defined in Annex III of the Directive. To date, some of the project components have been screened out by the Competent Authority.

The Promoter confirmed that the components under the loan would be developed on urban sites within an approved land use plan. None of the project components are located within Natura 2000 sites.

The Promoter has confirmed that the energy performance of all new buildings will be at minimum 10% better than the current national NZEB<sup>2</sup> baseline.

Overall, the project is expected to achieve a reduction in current consumption for renovation and new buildings, a reduction compared to the NZEB baseline, thus reducing GHG emissions due to the energy efficiency.

The Project is considered to be consistent with the Paris Agreement pathways towards low-carbon and climate-resilient development, and is aligned with the policies set out in the Climate Bank Roadmap 2021-2025.

<sup>1</sup> 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 CO<sub>2</sub>e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

<sup>2</sup> Near zero energy buildings



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## Social Assessment

In Portugal, as in most OECD countries, gender differences in the distribution of tertiary students across fields of study are significant. Women tend to be under-represented in certain fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Being aware of this gap, ISCTE has implemented several activities to encourage female enrolment in the undergraduate degrees offered in the new Digital Technologies School, which are currently being taught at a temporary location. Given that the Project will support a promoter who is seeking to address a specific gender gap and increase women's access to the services provided by the project (the new Digital Technologies School premises will be constructed as part of the Project), it has the potential to promote gender equality.

## EIB Paris Alignment for Counterparties (PATH) Framework

As a public sector entity, the counterparty is in scope but screened out of the PATH Framework because it is not a high emitting neither a highly vulnerable entity.

## Conclusions and Recommendations

Positive social and environmental outcomes are expected as a result of the project by means of constructing and/or renovating buildings with high energy efficiency and providing a safer and healthier environment for students and school staff.

All project components will be subject to the Promoter's compliance with the following requirements:

- Upon completion the Promoter shall send copies of (i) the Energy Performance Certificates, and (ii) the commissioning tests for air tightness and thermal integrity for the new buildings exceeding 5 000m<sup>2</sup>, to the EIB.
- The Promoter undertakes not to allocate Bank funds to project schemes that require a EIA report until the EIA process have been finalised and approved by the relevant Competent Authority. Once any EIA report is available, the Promoter will provide the Bank with copy of the EIA report, for publication on the EIB website.
- The Promoter undertakes to provide to the Bank, if requested, any decisions of the Competent Authority that screens out project components from the requirement of an EIA report.

Under these conditions, the operation is acceptable for EIB financing in environmental and social terms.