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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

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| Project Name: | Gdansk Sustainable Infrastructure |
| Project Number: | 2022-0434 |
| Country: | Poland |
| Project Description: | The project is multi-sector Framework Loan sub-operation under the UKRAINE SOLIDARITY PACKAGE - PROGRAMME EU MS (2022-0249), aimed at co-financing municipal infrastructure to cater for increased demand for municipal services and infrastructure due to number of Ukrainian refugees in the city of Gdansk. |
| EIA required: | Some schemes may require an EIA under Annex II of the EIA directive |
| Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ : | No |

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project supports implementation of the “Development Strategy of the City of Gdansk”.

The Promoter is obliged to act according to the provisions of the relevant EU Directives, including SEA (2001/42/EC), EIA (2014/52/EU amending 2011/92/EU), Habitats (92/43/EEC) and Birds (2009/147/EC) Directives. The compliance with EU legislation is included in the project undertakings and will be verified at allocation stage.

None of the schemes included in the pipeline fall under Annex I of EIA Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU. Some of the schemes though may fall under Annex II of EIA Directive. Should any scheme under this framework loan fall under Annex II and be “screened in” by the Competent Authority, the Promoter shall deliver the Non-technical Summary of the EIA, and the full EIA report to the Bank, if applicable, before the Bank funds are allocated.

Potential impacts of the schemes will be assessed by the Competent Authority in the permitting process and will be assessed by the Bank when the schemes are submitted for allocation under the Framework Loan. Schemes financed under this operation will be mainly of small size (project cost less than EUR 25m) and not expected to have significant negative environmental or social impacts.

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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However, some schemes could have limited temporary environmental impacts during the construction phase. These impacts may come from increased local traffic through traffic-related air pollution, exhaust gas and noise emissions, and generation of construction and demolition noise, waste and vibration. Special mitigation measures will be applied in line with the relevant legislation. The sustainable transport and social infrastructure projects are expected to foster a more compact and balanced development of urban areas and ultimately help avoid urban sprawl and associated negative environmental effects such as land take and increased emission from traffic.

Given the nature of the project, with schemes located in a consolidated urban environment, no impacts on Natura 2000 or other protected sites are expected. Nevertheless, compliance with the Birds and Habitats Directives will be further checked during the appraisal of individual schemes at the allocation stage

Social Assessment, where applicable

The provision of social infrastructure (education, childcare and facilities for the elderly) supported by the project contributes to achieving greater social inclusion for the people from vulnerable groups. The facilities will typically be located in already urbanized areas.

Most of the proposed schemes are expected to meet the needs of the displaced persons arriving in Poland, mainly women and children, and the remainder used to support the needs of host communities. The expenditures benefitting displaced women will meet their specific needs and allow them to benefit from economic opportunities. Therefore, this operation is labelled with the EIB Gender Tag: Significant Gender Tag.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

Public engagement and consultations are integrated in all steps of all strategic and/or sectorial planning both in term of spatial development as well as in terms of social aspects. Each municipality is required by law to carry out these consultations in case of their spatial development plans as well as in case their sectoral strategies

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The Promoter have demonstrated sufficient ability to manage E&S risks and ensure adherence to all applicable Directives for the expected Project and its respective schemes.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Prior to allocation of EIB funds against any specific scheme, the Promoter is to provide to the Bank the confirmation that schemes 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.

In addition, the Promoter will be requested to deliver NTS of the EIAs, and the full EIA reports to the Bank, if applicable, before the Bank funds are allocated. For schemes falling under Annex II and "screened out" by the Competent Authority based on Annex III criteria, the Promoter shall deliver a copy of the respective decision before the Bank funds are allocated.

The overall institutional capacity of the Promoter is deemed satisfactory since it has established solid procedures to manage environmental and social issues.

Therefore, given the type of operation, and subject to the conditions mentioned above, the Project is acceptable to the Bank in environmental and social terms.