



European Investment Bank (EIB)

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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

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| Project Name: | COVID-19 RESPONSE HUNGARY PUBLIC SECTOR |
| Project Number: | 20200492 |
| Country: | Hungary |
| Project Description: | Financing the costs of the COVID-19 emergency in the Hungarian public sector. |

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

EIB notes the following Environmental and Social performance and key outcomes at Project Completion.

No significant environmental or social issues were noted.

The project consisted of financing investments of the National Healthcare Service Center of Hungary (ÁEEK)¹, aimed at implementing the measures to respond to the COVID-19 health emergency and improve the future pandemic preparedness of the entire country. The project focused on financing the shortages in the healthcare services and supplies of critical drugs, consumables and equipment during the period whilst the pandemic or health emergency status for COVID-19 was maintained by the Country and the WHO.

Due to the nature of the investments (in particular purchase of equipment, devices, one modular hospital facility, drugs and consumables, etc.) the project had no significant negative impact on the environment. The investment components specifically related to the COVID-19 emergency response and future preparedness. Except the construction of one small mobile hospital² from prefabricated elements on a plot owned by the Ministry of Interior in the town of Kiskunhalas, investments concerned mostly operational expenses and installation of equipment in the premises of, or directly in existing facilities, already authorised for the same purpose. Therefore, no Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) has been required under the Directive 2014/52/EU amending the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU).

By financing the shortages in the healthcare services during the period of the COVID-19 pandemic, the project has ensured the medical treatment of the affected population and reduced the negative impact of pandemic on the Hungarian society.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion, based on reports from the promoter during project implementation, as well as the site visits by the EIB team conducted between 29/11/2021 and 01/12/2021 that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.

¹ ÁEEK merged in 12/2020 into OKFÖ – Országos Kórházi Főigazgatóság - National Directorate General for Hospitals.

² The Kiskunhalas Mobile Pandemic Hospital is a 225-container compound of 3 100 m² base area is designed for a total capacity of 150 beds.