

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	HMC SUSTAINABLE HEALTHCARE
Project Number:	20220677
Country:	Netherlands
Project Description:	The first phase of a comprehensive renovation and upgrade of Haaglanden Medical Centre (HMC), a top clinical hospital in The Hague.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

The project concerns a defined programme of various investments and interventions for the rehabilitation, reorganisation and extension of two existing hospital buildings. Besides the partial reconfiguration and rehabilitation of the existing facilities, the project shall support the construction of a new outpatient department.

Hospitals and related facilities are not specifically mentioned 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. The foreseen construction works will all be carried out within the existing site, on an area that is covered by an existing urban development plan and the promoter confirmed that no EIA has been requested by the competent authority for the components that already received a building permit. If any of the remaining components should require an EIA, the promoter shall make the relevant documentation available to the EIB.

The counterparty is in scope and screened out of the PATH framework because it is not considered as high emitting or high vulnerability. The promoter intends to reduce CO₂ emissions by about 49% by 2030 and by 95% by 2050 (compared to 2013). Several components financed by the project are an integral part of the promoter's strategy 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; 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 different departments of the hospital, 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.

By decommissioning obsolete and outdated buildings and due to the rehabilitation of some of the remaining ones, the project will reduce energy consumption and decrease CO₂ emissions.

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