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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)¹

Overview

Project Name: Bologna Resilience Urban FL

Project Number: 2016-0008

Country: Italy

Project Description: The multi-sector project supports the Municipality of Bologna 2016-2018 Investment Programme. The project will include schemes in public building modernisation, urban development, renewal and rehabilitation, sustainable transport, rehabilitation of social housing, parks and public open spaces as well as other municipal infrastructure. Bologna is fully committed with Climate Action, including mitigation and adaptation measures as part of the City Investment Programme. Bologna is also improving its resilience against earthquakes, and this is also reflected in its Investment Strategy.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

This was the fifth multi-sector and multi-scheme Municipal Framework Loan (FL) with the Municipality of Bologna (Promoter) and followed-up of the previous ones done with the same Promoter.

The Project supported the Promoter in implementing the City's tri-annual Investment Plan for 2016-2018 and subsequent updates. Schemes targeted public building modernisation, urban development, renewal and rehabilitation, sustainable transport, rehabilitation of social housing, parks and public open spaces as well as other municipal infrastructure as described above in the project description.

The Promoter was not to commit any EIB funds against sub-projects that required a full EIA or biodiversity assessment according to EU and national law without, prior to commitment, receiving the consent from the competent authority, and the Non-Technical Summary of the EIA having been made available to the public. In line with the information available, only one scheme financed under the Project was subject to EIA and it has complied with this condition (e.g. *Realizzazione impianti e opere accessorie centro di produzione pasti Lazzaretto*).

The investments have resulted in a number of positive environmental and climate effects, including energy savings in public buildings (e.g., social housing) as a result of insulation of walls and roofs, changing of windows and other energy efficiency measures. The project also included pedestrian areas and bicycle paths which contributed to sustainable mobility.

In addition, Bologna has considered the main Climate Risks identified in its Climate Adaptation Plan for the City (i.e., long drought periods, heat waves, and heavy rainfall and floods) when developing and designing projects in vulnerable areas. Thus, the Project has helped make the urban infrastructure more resilient to climate change.

Given the above, there are no further environmental or social issues to be reported on.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion, based on reports from the promoter, and site visits by the EIB team during Construction, that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.

¹ The template is for ILs and FLs