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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	DABROWA GORNICZA SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
Project Number:	2023-0266
Country:	POLAND
Project Description:	The Project will support eligible schemes within multi-year investment programme of the City of Dabrowa Gornicza (Poland). It includes urban development, infrastructure construction, thermo-modernisation of public buildings, etc. The loan will be signed under the Programme Loan SILESIA SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (2021-0206).
EIA required:	This is a multi-scheme Framework Loan operation. Some of the schemes may require an EIA under Annex II (“screened in”) of the EIA Directive.
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The operation is structured as a Framework Loan and will support the implementation of the multi-annual investment programme of the City in the period 2023-2026. The operation will contribute to the modernisation of municipal public infrastructure and services, as well as integrated urban development, through investments in the areas of public municipal infrastructure and upgrades in public buildings including energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Some of the Project’s underlying investments may fall under Annex II of EIA Directive 2014/52/EU amending the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, requiring a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) or EIA screening by the competent authority on the basis of related Annex III to determine the need for a full EIA.

All schemes are expected to be located in urbanised areas, but in the vicinity of Natura 2000 areas.

In 2019, the City Council approved the City’s Adaptation Plan to Climate Change 2030 for Dabrowa Gornicza in response to environmental concerns related to a changing climate and the need for cities to adapt to upcoming and expected impacts.

In 2023, the Dabrowa Gornicza Development Plan (City Development Strategy: Dabrowa Gornicza 2030) reoriented the development strategy into the consideration of EU policy towards climate neutrality by 2050 aiming at carbon neutrality affecting the city’s energy systems,

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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industry and transport, which shall bring significant social and environmental benefits particularly improving the quality of air and thus the quality of life of citizens.

During construction, the main impacts are expected to be the ones related to disruptions because of traffic, noise, vibration, and dust. These impacts are expected to be short-lived and reversible. Impacts are expected to be addressed through environmental management and monitoring plans.

The Project has been assessed for Paris Alignment and it is deemed aligned both against low carbon, and resilience goals, as set out in the EIB Climate Bank Roadmap.

Social Assessment, where applicable

The renovation of municipal buildings will serve the general public and also will benefit targeted population, such as those with special accessibility needs. Investments in public transport (such as bicycle lanes) will promote sustainable forms of mobility and together with construction and reconstruction of pavements and pedestrian paths will decrease dependency on individual passenger cars, promote physical activity of citizens, and enhance safety of citizens.

Improved quality of schools, gyms and social care facilities will contribute to quality of life and social inclusion. Investments in water management infrastructure (sewers and rainwater retention) will mitigate climate risks by preventing flooding, managing stormwater, protecting water quality, promoting climate change adaptation, and enhancing public health and safety.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

The individual investments are expected to form part of urban development plans for which public consultation is carried out. The approval of the Adaptation Plan for Climate Change for the City of Dabrowa Gornicza involved broad participation of stakeholders and the public opinion. Public consultation is expected to ensure the social acceptability of the Plan and the reduction of conflicts in the implementation of adaptation actions.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The Promoter will be required 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. In projects where applicable, the Promoter will be requested to deliver the EIA reports to the Bank before the Bank funds are allocated as well as evidence of the compliance with the Habitats and Birds Directives. Upon the Bank's request, the Promoter will be requested to provide selected Energy Performance Certificates obtained in line with the EU Directive 2010/31/EU during implementation or after completion of works.

The capacity of the Promoter to manage the environmental and social issues is deemed satisfactory. Therefore, subject to the conditions mentioned above, this operation is acceptable for the Bank in environmental and social terms.