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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name: IASI UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND PHARMACY
 Project Number: 2022-0866
 Country: Romania
 Project Description: The project concerns the construction and refurbishment of a number of facilities on the university campus of the Grigore T. Popa Medicine and Pharmacy University of Iasi.

EIA required: Certain sub-projects could be subject to an EIA. If required by the competent authority, the Promoter shall make the Environmental Impact Study/Statement (EIS) available to the EIB.

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise¹: no
 (details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The Project concerns the campus development programme of the "Grigore T. Popa" University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Iași" (UMF Iasi), Romania. The University is one of the six large medical schools in Romania beside Bucharest, Cluj-Napoca, Craiova, Târgu Mureș and Timișoara, all being founded before the 1989 Romanian revolution. The university has a good reputation as a national public higher education institution and is attracting a significant number of foreign students with its medical programmes offered in French and English. The Project aims to fill gaps in the UMF Iasi's infrastructure, in particular the need for modern learning spaces and educational equipment, additional space for basic research, as well as modern accommodation for students.

The Project comprises:

- (i) The Rehabilitation, Modernisation and Equipment of the Educational Infrastructure of the Centre for fundamental research.
- (ii) The Rehabilitation, Modernisation and Equipment of the Educational Infrastructure of the Dental Polyclinic for adults.
- (iii) The Construction of a new nZEB Building for a mix use building (education and catering).
- (iv) The Construction of a new nZEB Building for a sports hall.
- (v) The Rehabilitation, Modernisation and Equipment of the Educational Infrastructure of the Dental Polyclinic for children.
- (vi) The Construction of a new nZEB Building for a maternal-foetal research centre.
- (vii) The Construction of a new nZEB Building for student dormitories (section A).
- (viii) The installation of solar panels in diverse buildings.

¹Only 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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Universities and Scientific institutions of this kind are not specifically listed in the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU (if applicable, as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU), though the project is covered by Annex II (Point 10b) of the Directive in relation to urban development. If any of these subprojects require an EIA, the Promoter shall make the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) available to the EIB prior to disbursement.

So far, only one building permits have been obtained for new constructions. If required by the competent authority, the Promoter shall make the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) available to the EIB. The project is located in an urban area. The project will most likely not affect and not have an impact on the environment during construction and project operation as it will be of non-significant nature. All construction works will be implemented within or close to the existing university campus and within an approved urban development plan. At the construction stage, the project will increase noise and vibration levels, and will impact air quality. Adequate mitigation measures will be considered together with the enforcement of good construction practices. The project's impact at the construction stage will be short-lived and reversible, at a level which is deemed acceptable.

The buildings to be renovated will also target energy levels 20% below the NZEB definition of the country and the region. Given the promoter's good results in previous operations and visited during the appraisal, the Bank considers that the promoter is able to implement its projects in a timely and efficient manner.

Historical building

One existing building concerned is classified on the List of Historical Monuments (LMI) as a grade B architecture monument, and/or included in a protected area as per PUG/RLU².

According to the city of Iași PUG (RLU sheet-Territorial Reference Units) 2 buildings are located in the CP zone (Central area located within the perimeter protection of historical and architectural urban values) : the Centre for Fundamental Research and the Mixed Use Building- which is also included within the limits of the protection area of a class A listed monument, the Golia Monastery.

EIB Paris Alignment for Counterparties (PATH) Framework

The Promoter is a public sector entity, therefore is in PATH Framework scope. The counterparty is screened out, because it is not operating in a high-emitting sector and it is not considered a highly vulnerable entity.

Social Assessment

The Project does not have any likely significant negative social impacts. The promoter is considered to have the experience, capability and capacity to deliver the Project successfully. The promoter also has the necessary processes and procedures in place to ensure that they perform their duties concerning health and safety, the environment and ensuring the Project delivers on its commitments to climate and social aspects.

The project is a key part of improving the university's academic and research infrastructure by providing modern learning and working environments for their students and staff. In addition, the project is expected to generate positive social impacts through improved knowledge production and dissemination, technological transfer through the outputs of the research activity of the university and by providing additional sports amenity facilities for the students.

² RLU sheet-Territorial Reference Units



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Conclusions and Recommendations

As the project concerns construction and refurbishment works in an urban area within or close to the existing facilities, no significant environmental impact is expected. Positive social and environmental outcomes are expected as a result of the project, especially with respect to the improved energy efficiency of the building estate and for a safer and healthier learning environment for students and teachers.

The Promoter shall provide the EIB with the Energy Performance Certificates of the sub-projects at the completion of the project. In case an EIA is requested by the competent authority, the Promoter shall make the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) available to the EIB.

With the proposed conditions in place, this project is considered to be acceptable for Bank financing from an environmental and social perspective.