

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	ETZ SUSTAINABLE HOSPITAL CARE
Project Number:	20220224
Country:	The Netherlands
Project Description:	The project entails the strategic investment plans of the Elisabeth-TweeSteden Hospital (ETZ) in Tilburg, aimed at optimising its healthcare infrastructure, service delivery and energy efficiency.
EIA required:	no
Invest EU sustainability proofing required	yes
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no

### Environmental and Social Assessment

The Project concerns a defined programme to replace outdated hospital buildings of the ETZ Hospital in Tilburg with new facilities to be constructed next to and on the site of the existing facilities. 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 next to the existing site in an area that is covered by an existing urban development plan. Considering the size, location and extent of the foreseen construction, the Promoter does not expect that an EIA will be requested, also the relevant building permits are still pending.

#### Climate Assessment

The Project will be implemented in line with the current Dutch and international norms and regulations. These building norms as well as the underlying land use plans are considering potential implications due to climate change.

In consultation with an external consultant, the Promoter developed a roadmap (ETZ Portefeuille routkaart) to reduce direct CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by at least 49% (about minus 5.8 kt) by 2030 (compared to 2010) and by 95% until 2050. The works financed by the Project are an integral component to reach this target. As such, the Project is considered fully aligned with the Paris Agreement meeting the criteria mentioned in the Bank's Climate Bank Roadmap.

The Promoter is in scope but screened out of the PATH framework as it does not operate in a high-emitting sector and is not considered as a highly vulnerable counterpart.

#### Social Assessment

The Project does not have any significant negative social impacts, as the Promoter is expected to carry out its activities in compliance with applicable Dutch labour and social standards. By enabling better coordination between the hospital's different departments, 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.

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## Conclusions and Recommendations

As the Project covers construction works within or close to an existing hospital, no significant impact is expected on the environment. By decommissioning obsolete and outdated buildings and replacing them with more energy efficient ones, the Project will reduce energy consumption and decrease CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

The Finance Contract will include an undertaking that the Promoter should provide the EIB with documents supporting the execution of an EIA procedure in case a full Environmental Impact Assessment is requested for any of the construction sites.

Sustainability proofing conclusion: the Project is carried out in compliance with applicable national and EU environmental and social legislation. Based on the environment, climate and social (ECS) information and based on the review of the likely significant ECS risks and impacts and the mitigation measures and management systems in place, the Project is deemed to have low residual ECS risks and impacts. No further sustainability proofing is required.

Therefore, the Project is considered acceptable in environmental and social terms for the Bank's financing.