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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	ZAGREB SUSTAINABLE URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE FL
Project Number:	2023-0136
Country:	Croatia
Project Description:	Project to support implementation of the investment programme of the City of Zagreb in Croatia.
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 a municipal framework loan supporting the implementation of the investment programme of the City of Zagreb in Croatia during the period 2023-2028. The investments supported by the EIB are in line with the strategic planning and development policies of the City.

The main purpose of the operation is to foster integrated sustainable urban renewal and development. The investment schemes will be dedicated primarily to i) (re)construction/rehabilitation and energy efficiency refurbishment of public buildings, ii) sustainable urban public transport, iii) upgrading small-scale municipal infrastructure including urban roads/streets and related sewage and water network, iv) regeneration/revitalization of brownfield areas, open public spaces, green areas and parks and v) improvement of information and communication technologies.

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. Moreover, the Project contributes to the climate action and environmental sustainability objectives of the Bank. Investments will be eligible for EIB financing only if they are aligned with the Paris Agreement.

Investments are considered essential in the national and regional policy framework, being identified as priority areas in the EU Partnership Agreement and the Operational Programme. All schemes to be supported will be in accordance with the applicable urban development strategies.

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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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.

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.

Social Assessment, where applicable

Although no separate social impact assessment has been carried out, it is deemed that the overall social impact of the Project will be positive. The Project is expected to increase the quality of public services available to the inhabitants. Investments in public transport (such as bicycle lanes and pedestrian pathways) will promote sustainable forms of mobility, decrease dependency on individual passenger cars and promote physical activity of citizens. Modernised cultural and public buildings as well as intervention in public spaces and green areas will improve the quality of living environment for all citizens and will contribute to social inclusion.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

The individual investments are expected to form part of urban development plans for which public consultation is carried out.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

Based on the due diligence process, the institutional capacity of the promoter to manage and monitor the environmental and social issues is deemed good.

Conclusions and Recommendations

In investments where applicable, the Promoter will be requested to deliver to the Bank and before the Bank funds are allocated, the EIA report and the 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.

Overall, the net environmental impact is expected to be positive. In addition, the Project should bring about social benefits by helping improve the quality of building stock as well as the quality of life of residents. The investments to be financed will contribute to the improvement of the urban environment.

The institutional capacity of the promoter to manage and monitor the environmental and social issues is deemed good.

Therefore, subject to the conditions described above, the project is acceptable for the Bank in environmental and social terms.