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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	NOVA INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT
Project Number:	2023-0827
Country:	Portugal
Project Description:	The Project concerns the construction of new facilities for the Information Management School (IMS) of Universidade NOVA de Lisboa, located in Algés (Oeiras, Portugal).
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

(details for projects included are provided in section: “EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise”)

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The Project concerns the construction of a new university building for the Information Management School of Universidade NOVA located in Algés (Oeiras, Portugal). University buildings of this kind are not specifically listed 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 Project is not subject to EIA under national legislation as its size is below the screening threshold as defined in the Portuguese legislation.

The Project aims at achieving the energy performance needed to obtain Energy Efficiency Certificate A, which is the level required for NZEB buildings, by using renewable energy, like solar photovoltaic panels and geothermal installation as well as a combination of improved heating, ventilation and cooling systems, façade insulation and performant glazing. Furthermore, the building will feature measures to reduce water consumption such as a rainwater capture system for reuse purposes and low-flow faucets.

The plot of land designated for the building is located within a National Ecological Reserve register (Reserva Ecológica Nacional (REN)). REN integrates the set of areas that, due to their ecological value or their exposure and susceptibility to natural risks, are subject to special protection. The construction on such sites is possible only for projects declared of public interest value. Prior to submitting the application for the construction permit, the Promoter will seek to get the Project acknowledged as such by the relevant authorities and to have the land parcel removed from the REN register. The Bank will require the Promoter to provide a copy of the exclusion decision along with a copy of the building permit.

The plot is located on a former dock within an estuary protection strip and designated as prone to risk of flooding. To adapt to the present risk of flooding, the Project includes a series of adaptation measures: permeable pavements, drainage systems and the allocation of all activities and technical installations to the upper floor levels. The ground floor will be left open and will be used for parking purposes.

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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EIB Paris Alignment for Counterparties (PATH) Framework

The counterparty Universidade Nova de Lisboa (NOVA), being a public university, is in scope of the PATH framework. The counterparty is screened out as being a public entity and does not operate in a high-emitting sector and is not considered a highly vulnerable counterpart.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The Project concerns construction works in an urban area, on reclaimed land within the city limits, therefore significant environmental impacts are not expected.

The Project will be subject to the Promoter's compliance with the following disbursement conditions:

- Providing a copy of the favourable decision on the declaration as project of public interest ;
- Providing a copy of the decision to exclude the plot from the National Ecological Reserve;
- Providing a copy of the building permit for the building.

The Promoter will undertake, should it be required, to incorporate in the design any compensatory measures defined by the competent authority.

The Promoter will engage a recognized external engineering consultancy to aid in the design phase, with a focus on validating the conformity of the measures taken to mitigate climate change risks with the national and local regulations.

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