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## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	Warsaw Sustainable Infrastructure II
Project Number:	2023-0573
Country:	Poland
Project Description:	The Project is structured as a Framework Loan (FL) to support the implementation of the investment programmes/plans of the City of Warsaw during the period 2023-2029 under the City's Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF), including the Urban Development Strategy #Warsaw2030 and the City Climate Strategies.
EIA required:	This is a multi-scheme Framework Loan operation. Some of the schemes may require an EIA under Annex I or Annex II ("screened in") of the EIA Directive.
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>1</sup> :	no

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

The Project covers urban development, regeneration and renewal with the new construction, refurbishment, and upgrade of urban infrastructure, comprising cultural facilities, social facilities (schools, kindergartens, health centres, etc.), sport and recreation facilities as well as other public buildings (administrative buildings, social and affordable housing, etc). It also includes investments in flood protection, open spaces and green areas, sustainable mobility, modernisation of urban roads, Renewable Energy (RE) and Energy Efficiency (EE), EE public lighting and IT Systems.

The schemes covered by the Project mirror the key priorities of the Warsaw's Urban Development Strategy #Warsaw2030 and the City Climate Strategies. In this regard, the Project supports the implementation of the Environmental Protection Programme for Warsaw 2021-2024, Climate Adaptation Plan of the City, and the Green Vision of Warsaw – a roadmap to City's climate neutrality by 2050.

Some of the Project's underlying investments may fall under Annex I or 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. Furthermore, some schemes may be located in areas inside or near a Natura 2000 or other protected zones.

During construction, the main Project's impacts are expected to be the ones related to disruptions because of traffic, noise, vibration, and dust. These impacts are expected to be

<sup>1</sup> 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 CO<sub>2</sub>e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.



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short-lived and reversible. Impacts are expected to be addressed through environmental management and monitoring plans.

Finally, investments under this FL will be eligible for EIB financing only if they are aligned with the Paris Agreement (PA). Therefore, the Project is deemed aligned both, against low carbon and resilience goals, as set out in the PA and in the EIB Climate Bank Roadmap. Moreover, the Project contributes to the climate action (CA) and the environmental sustainability (ES) objectives of the Bank. It includes flood protection schemes as well as green areas and parks which contribute to climate adaptation and ES. It also includes RE measures and EE upgrades in public buildings, and sustainable mobility schemes which contribute to climate mitigation. Therefore, it is expected that, during operation, this Project will bring positive effects on environment, the resilience of the city to climate change and overall, the quality of life of its residents.

### **Social Assessment**

The schemes covered by this Project mirror the objectives of the City Urban Development Strategy, which aims at integrated, sustainable, and inclusive planning. Furthermore, the Project comprises the financing of urban investments expected to support the provision of the services to a large number of Ukrainian refugees, predominantly women, children and elderly people, fleeing the war struck homeland and living in the city of Warsaw.

Therefore, the Project's overall social benefit is expected to be positive resulting from the implementation of individual schemes with a high social and economic impact given their potential to provide better quality infrastructure and services and more liveable and socially inclusive neighbourhoods. Wider social-economic benefits may be expected such as induced investment, employment effects and productivity impacts resulting from the improvement of public infrastructure and services.

### **Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement**

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

### **Other Environmental and Social Aspects**

Based on the due diligence process and the previous implementation and monitoring experience with Warsaw, the institutional capacity of the promoter to manage and monitor the environmental and social issues is deemed good.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The City of Warsaw is a very experienced and capable promoter able to manage the environmental and social issues of investments included in this Project.

The overall environmental and social benefits of the Project are expected to be very good, with improved environment and quality of life for people living and visiting the city. In addition, it is expected to contribute to provide services to the large number of refugees from Ukraine, predominantly women, children, and elderly people. Furthermore, the Project is expected to contribute to climate action through mitigation and adaptation measures that will be incorporated in the project designs.

In projects where applicable, the Promoter will be requested to deliver to the Bank before the Bank funds are allocated, the EIA report and the evidence of the compliance with the Habitats



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and Birds Directives. For schemes triggering art. 4.7 of the WFD, the Promoter has to provide evidence of the compliance with the WFD before the Bank funds are allocated.

Upon the Bank's request, the Promoter will be requested to provide selected Energy Performance Certificates obtained in line with the applicable national and EU legislation on the energy performance for buildings.

Therefore, given the nature of the operation and subject to the conditions stated above, the Project is acceptable for the Bank in environmental and social terms.