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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

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| Project Name: | KU LEUVEN HEALTH SCIENCES CAMPUSES |
| Project Number: | 2023-0179 |
| Country: | Belgium |
| Project Description: | The project supports Leuven University Hospital's 2022-2033 investment plan adapting the infrastructure on their existing campuses to current research and medical care requirements. In addition to investments in the expansion, modernization and rehabilitation of the main campus and some smaller initiatives in other locations, the project includes the rehabilitation of the Pellenberg hospital and the modernization of psychiatric care facilities in Kortenberg, Melsbroek, Lubbeek, and Leuven. |
| Invest EU sustainability proofing required | yes |
| EIA required: | yes |
| Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ : | no |

Environmental and Social Assessment

The project mainly concerns mainly the rehabilitation, extension and replacement of hospital and psychiatric care facilities scattered around several sites in and around Leuven.

Environment

Hospitals and care facilities 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 this kind of projects might be covered by Annex II of the Directive to urban development.

All of the buildings outside the main campus of the UZ Leuven University hospital (Health Sciences Campus Gasthuisberg) will be implemented within existing urban development plans and are not expected to reach the relevant national thresholds where an EIA may be required.

For the expansion and modernisation of the Health Sciences Campus Gasthuisberg, a full EIA was launched and positively concluded. The EIA has been made available for publication in the EIB register. The promoter confirmed that all the components financed through this operation will be planned in compliance with the outcomes and recommendations of the EIA and that no individual EIA for each of this component will be required.

Climate Assessment

In terms of energy efficiency, all new and rehabilitated buildings comply with the local normative regarding the Energy Performance of buildings. Additionally, most of the buildings are foreseen to be co-financed by VIPA (Flemish Infrastructure Fund for Personal Affairs), which will only be granted if the buildings meet the much more stringent requirements of VIPA for environmentally sustainable buildings. The primary energy consumption of such buildings needs to be at least

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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10% better than legally required. An air tightness test is not mandatory, but the promoter confirmed that the buildings will undergo such a test and an experienced external consultancy firm will be awarded with the quality control of the construction works.

The Climate Risk has been assessed to be low. The project will be implemented in line with the current Belgian, Flemish and international norms and regulations.

Conclusion: The project is Paris-aligned because

- i) it meets the low carbon criteria for buildings set out in the EIB Climate Bank Roadmap Annex 2 Table D and
- ii) no significant risks in respect to Climate Change have been identified in the EIA.

EIB Paris Alignment for Counterparties (PATH) Framework

The Promoters are in scope but screened out of the PATH framework as they do not operate in a high-emitting sector and are not considered as highly vulnerable counterparts.

Social Assessment

The project does not have any significant negative social impacts, as the Promoters are expected to carry out their activities in compliance with applicable Belgian labour and social standards.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Overall, the new and rehabilitated buildings will improve care conditions and will allow the patients to be taken care of in facilities better adapted to their individual needs. By providing a better configuration of the buildings, the project will enable the introduction of better and more cost-effective methods for care and will include beneficial elements in terms of social cohesion and protection. The promoter possesses the appropriate experience and governance systems to deliver the project in accordance with the requirements of the approved EIA.

The project will be implemented using high environmental standards as the new construction intends to follow many best practices in terms of energy efficiency, climate adaptation, use of construction materials and resource use including minimising water consumption and waste. Several subprojects will be designed and built to the higher than legally required standards as defined by VIPA for environmentally sustainable buildings in the healthcare sector. The Finance Contract will include the following information undertakings: if applicable and available, the final Energy Simulations and proof of an Air Tightness Test (luchtdichtheidstest) for the new building will be sent to the Bank together with a confirmation that the execution of the construction works has been supervised by a competent consultant/engineer awarded through the promoter.

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.