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## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name: *KRAKOW UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS CAMPUS EXTENSION*  
 Project Number: *2024-0073*  
 Country: *Poland*  
 Project Description: *The Project concerns the extension of Krakow University of Economics campus in the city centre of Krakow. The extension will upgrade and make better use of a university-owned plot of land adjacent to its main campus buildings.*

EIA required: no

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise<sup>1</sup>: no

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

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

The Project concerns the extension of Krakow University of Economics campus in the city centre of Krakow. The extension will upgrade and make better use of a university-owned plot of land adjacent to its main campus buildings. It consists of the renovation of two buildings for research purposes and the construction of a building hosting a large amphitheatre, teaching spaces as well as guestrooms for visiting scholars. In addition to the campus extension, the Project also comprises the demolition of a smaller campus building and the construction on the same plot of a larger building hosting a student service centre.

The urban development investments supported by the Project do not require a full EIA in the context of the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU amended by 2014/52/EU on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The screening out decision was delivered by the competent authority for three components of the Project, whereas the fourth is below the national EIA screening threshold. None of the Project components are located within or in the vicinity of Natura 2000 sites.

#### Climate Assessment

By constructing new buildings and renovating existing ones, the Project will help to provide high quality research, learning and teaching spaces that meet the latest accessibility, safety and thermal comfort standards. The infrastructure will also be equipped with rainwater retention apparatus. The net primary energy demand of new buildings will comply with relevant national NZEB requirements.

The Project has been assessed for Paris alignment and is considered to be aligned both against low carbon and resilience goals, as set out in the Climate Bank Roadmap 2021-2025.

<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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### **EIB Paris Alignment for Counterparties (PATH) Framework**

The counterparty Krakow University of Economics is in scope and screened out of the PATH framework, because it is not considered high emitting sector.

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

The Project will provide additional research and teaching spaces as well as a centralised student service centre, increasing the capacity of the University and helping it to meet the current and future educational and research needs. The new facilities will accelerate the modernization of the research, teaching and learning environments, which should result in an improvement in the quality of public tertiary education provided by the Promoter.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The Project concerns renovations and new constructions of buildings within the real estate park of Kraków University of Economics, Poland. The Promoter possesses the appropriate experience and governance systems to deliver the Project in accordance with national and European legislation.

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

In the light of the above, the Project is acceptable for the Bank's financing in environmental, climate and social terms.