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## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name: MOLDOVA REGIONAL HOSPITALS  
 Project Number: 20160888  
 Country: Republic of Moldova  
 Project Description: Construction and equipping of two regional hospitals in Moldova, one in the south (Cahul) and one in the north (Balti) of the country.

EIA required: To be determined

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 consists of the construction and equipping of two regional hospitals in Moldova, the Cahul Regional Hospital to be financed by the EIB loan and the Balti Regional Hospital to be funded by the Council of Europe Bank (CEB) loan (on parallel co-financing basis).

In line with 2022 EIB Group E&S Policy (paragraph 4.6), CEB and EIB have agreed on a common approach for the application of the two banks' E&S standards for this Project. Consequently, each bank will apply its own E&S standards to the component of the Project that it is funding.

In the Republic of Moldova, the law regulating Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is Law No. 86, adopted on 29 May 2014. This law establishes the legal framework for assessing the environmental impact of certain public and private planned activities.

The new Cahul Regional Hospital is still at an early stage of implementation and detailed designs have not been carried out yet. The technical design must include an Environmental Protection section, which will analyse the Project's impact and recommend mitigation measures.

The Promoter confirmed that the new Cahul Regional Hospital will be developed on a site within an approved land use plan (within the existing hospital complexes). The new hospital will not be located within a protected area.

In respect to energy efficiency, the designs for the new building will be developed in accordance with the best domestic standards and regulations for energy-efficient buildings, taking into account the international standards and recommendations.

The designs will be developed so that applicable green building certificates (e.g. EDGE) can be obtained for buildings. The achievement of significant savings in the consumption of primary energy compared to the existing one is expected.

<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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The Promoter has assessed the climate change risks of the Project in line with the Moldova National Climate Change Adaptation Programme (2030) and will require mitigation measures during design development stage, though a disbursement condition will be included for the Promoter to provide a confirmation and perform a climate risk and vulnerability assessment to be presented to the Bank at the time of allocation.

Thus, the Project has been assessed for Paris alignment and is considered to be aligned both against low carbon and resilience goals against the policies set out in the Climate Bank Roadmap (Table D. Buildings- New buildings and renovation of buildings outside the EU).

### **Social Assessment, where applicable**

Based on the information provided to the Bank, the construction of the new hospital will not require any land acquisition and result in involuntary resettlement. Should the need for land acquisition and any involuntary resettlement in relation to the construction of the Cahul Regional Hospital arise, the relevant Bank standards will apply.

The Project will support the modernisation of healthcare facilities and thus will significantly improve the quality of healthcare services in Moldova, providing better healthcare for the local population and the entire region, including minority and ethnic groups.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

Positive social and environmental outcomes are expected as a result of the Project, by building healthcare facilities with high energy efficiency standards and that are providing a safer and healthier environment for patients and staff.

### **Conditions**

For each allocation:

- Prior to any disbursement, the Promoter shall provide evidence satisfactory to the Bank that the necessary environmental permits concerning the facilities to be funded by such disbursement are in place as well as any screening decision(s) issued by the Competent Authority;
- Prior to any disbursement and in relation to the facilities to be funded by such disbursement, if required by the Competent Authority, a copy of the full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) shall be provided to the Bank;
- Prior to any disbursement, the Promoter shall provide written confirmation if land acquisition has been required, and that no involuntary resettlement is caused by the Project implementation concerning the facilities to be funded by such disbursement.
- Prior to any disbursement, the Promoter will carry out a Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (CRVA) for both hospitals (Cahul and Balti) that is in line with the EIB standards.

### **Undertakings**

- The Promoter shall ensure that adequate environmental, social, health and safety management plans, defined according to the legal requirements and related documents, are implemented and monitored during the construction of the Project and will notify the EIB of any unexpected environmental impacts or incidents during the works;



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- The Promoter will carry out a Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (CRVA) for both hospitals (Cahul and Balti) that is in line with the EIB standards.
- The Promoter undertakes that the Balti Regional Hospital Project will be implemented in line with the CEB's Environmental and Social Standards.

In light of the above, the Project is considered acceptable for EIB financing in environmental and social terms.