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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name: Tallinn Sustainable Infrastructure II
 Project Number: 2024-0050
 Country: Estonia
 Project Description: Framework Loan to support the multi-sector investment programme of the City of Tallinn, Estonia, as well as the implementation of its urban development and climate city strategies. The Project includes, among others, investments in urban renewal and regeneration, green areas and open spaces, sustainable mobility and construction and rehabilitation of public buildings.

EIA required: Multiple-scheme operation. Some of the schemes may require an EIA under Annex II (“screened in”) of the EIA Directive

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise¹: no
 (details for projects included are provided in section: “EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise”)

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The operation is structured as a multi-sector Framework Loan (FL) to be implemented by the City of Tallinn. The Project will finance a balanced programme of urban investments, including renewal and rehabilitation of public buildings, sustainable mobility infrastructure, green and open spaces, and improvements to stormwater management. All components are aligned with the City’s strategic frameworks—Tallinn 2035, the Climate-neutral Tallinn Action Plan (SECAP 2030), and the City’s spatial development plans.

At allocation, each scheme will comply with applicable EU and national environmental legislation, including the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU amending the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, SEA Directive (2001/42/EC), and, where relevant, the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) and the Water Framework Directive (WFD). Some investments may fall under Annex II of the EIA Directive and will be subject to screening by the competent authority to determine the need for a full EIA.

During construction, the main impacts are expected to be temporary and manageable, primarily related to traffic and accessibility, noise, vibration, and dust emissions. These will be addressed through standard environmental management and monitoring measures.

In operation, the Project is expected to deliver net positive environmental and climate outcomes. These include improved energy performance in public assets, support for low-emission and active mobility, enhancement of urban green areas and biodiversity, and

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.



strengthened adaptation to climate risks such as heatwaves and urban flooding. The Project also contributes to the City's long-term resilience and quality of life for residents.

All investments under this Project will be eligible for EIB financing only if they are aligned with the Paris Agreement. The operation is considered aligned with both low-carbon and resilience objectives, as outlined in the EIB Climate Bank Roadmap.

Social Assessment, where applicable

The operation is aligned with Tallinn's urban development, sectoral and climate strategies, which pursue carbon neutrality by 2030 while promoting social cohesion, equity and accessible public services. The programme is expected to generate net positive social outcomes by improving the quality, accessibility and safety of municipal infrastructure and services, thereby contributing to more liveable and inclusive neighbourhoods.

The investments will facilitate equitable access to upgraded educational, social and cultural facilities, barrier-free public space and sustainable mobility options, with particular benefits for children, older persons and persons with disabilities. Wider socio-economic effects are anticipated through local contracting and supply chains—such as temporary construction employment—and through productivity gains associated with improved public infrastructure and service performance. Where applicable, citizen engagement and standard occupational and community health and safety measures will accompany implementation in line with national legislation.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

The proposed schemes are based on city strategies and plans that have been subject to public consultation and stakeholder engagement by the City of Tallinn. These processes are conducted primarily through online platforms, as well as public presentations and meetings, ensuring broad accessibility and participation. For schemes requiring an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), individual public consultation is carried out as part of the EIA process, enabling stakeholders to provide input and ensuring that environmental considerations are integrated with public expectations and municipal planning.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

Based on the due diligence process, the institutional capacity of the promoter to manage and monitor the environmental and social issues is deemed as very good.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The Project is expected to deliver substantial environmental and social benefits, enhancing the quality of life for residents and visitors in Tallinn. It will contribute to climate action and environmental sustainability, notably through the construction and upgrade of public buildings, the development of green spaces, and improvements to urban infrastructure.

For schemes where applicable, the Borrower will be required to provide the Bank, prior to allocation of funds, with copies of the EIA report and evidence of compliance with the Habitats and Birds Directives. For schemes triggering Article 4.7 of the Water Framework Directive, the Borrower must provide evidence of compliance before Bank funds are allocated. Additionally, upon request, the Borrower will need to provide selected Energy Performance Certificates in accordance with the EU Directive 2010/31/EU. Based on the information available, and subject to the appropriate conditions and monitoring, the Project is considered acceptable for EIB financing in environmental and social terms.

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