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## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	JOINT INITIATIVES
Project Number:	2024-0700
Country:	Lithuania
Project Description:	The Project comprises the design, build, finance and operation of a Military Based located in Rūdninkai, Lithuania.
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 comprises the design, build, finance and operation of a Military Base located in Rūdninkai, Lithuania, and will be implemented through a PPP. The Project has been divided into three separate lots, covering similar area and components. Each lot has been structured and ring-fenced individually.

In 2022, the project was declared special national importance project in the field of national defence by the Law on the Rūdninkai Military Training Area of the Lithuanian Armed Forces. (“the Law”). Given the scope of the project, this was excluded from the scope of the EIA procedure, in line with the art 1(3) of the Directive 2011/92/EC on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment, as amended by the Directive 2014/52/EC (EIA Directive) and the national legislation. However, the Law foresees that the project implementing institution must strive to minimize negative changes in the environmental condition during constructions and site preparation phase. For this purpose, all sites for construction and deforestation (aprox 190 ha) are coordinated with the competent authorities.

The project is located in the SPA Natura 2000 site – Rūdininkų giria (code LTSALB002). The assessment of projects’ implications for the site is being carried out (including monitoring and field surveys). Based on the outcome of the assessment, the Ministry of Environment will conclude on the significance of impact on Natura 2000 site and whether any compensatory measures are necessary.

The project contributes to the National Climate Change Management Agenda through heat wave prevention by leaving forest inserts in the military campus (an element of green infrastructure), implementing climate change adaptation requirements for new buildings and infrastructure projects. The infrastructures are vulnerable to strong winds but back up power outputs and generators will be put in place to ensure electricity supply.

#### Social Assessment

The project has social benefits as it already resulted in targeted investments in the nearby villages, including improvements to the electricity, water and waste-water systems, as well as improvements to the road network. Additional improvements to enhance road and rail

<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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connections to the site with the wider region are also planned. Adequate sites to accommodate families and to provide schooling for children are being identified in Vilnius.

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

The project was exempted from the EIA process, including the obligation to conduct public consultation.

### **Conclusions and Recommendations**

Given the Promoter's capacity to manage environmental and social impacts, the project is deemed acceptable for the Bank if the following undertaking is respected by the Promoter:

- Inform the Bank about the outcome of the assessment of the project's impact on the Natura 2000 site and required actions to implement this outcome.