

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	USTI NAD LABEM REGION HOSPITALS DEVELOPMENT	
Project Number:	2023-0766	
Country:	Czech Republic	
Project Description:	Financing of a multiannual investment plan of the largest regional healthcare provider in the Czech Republic. The project aims at improving the condition of technical infrastructure of several hospitals managed by the Borrower during the period of 2023-2031.	
EIA required:	no	
Invest EU sustainability proofing required	yes	
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no	

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environment Assessment

The Project concerns a defined programme for the rehabilitation and extension of five hospital sites in the Region of Usti Nad Labem in the Czech Republic. Hospitals are not specifically mentioned in the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by 2014/52/EU on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), though the project is covered by Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development. In this respect, the foreseen construction works will all be carried out within the existing site and within the limits of an existing urban development plan. Therefore, the Promoter is not expecting that an EIA will be requested by the Competent Authority.

#### Climate Assessment

The Project will be implemented in line with the current Czech national energy standards defined by the Energy Performance of Buildings and therefore is considered to be aligned both against low carbon and resilience goals, as set out for new buildings in the Climate Bank Roadmap 2021-2025.

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

The Promoter is in scope but screened out of the PATH framework as it is a public entity not operating in a high-emitting sector and is not considered as a highly vulnerable counterpart.

#### Social Assessment

The Project does not have any significant negative social impacts, as the Promoter is expected to carry out its activities in compliance with applicable Czech labour and social standards.

The Promoter intends to transfer the services currently provided in several outdated facilities in extended and rehabilitated facilities which allows a reorganisation of the provision of medical services. Through this consolidation, the Project will enable the Promoter to provide healthcare services more efficiently and to provide higher comfort to both patients, staff and visitors.

By enabling introduction of better and more cost-effective methods for medical treatment, the Project includes beneficial elements in terms of social cohesion and protection.

## Conclusions and Recommendations

As the Project covers construction works within or close to the existing hospital facilities, no significant impact is expected on the environment. By decommissioning obsolete and outdated building installations and replacing them with more energy efficient ones, the Project will reduce the promoter's energy consumption and decrease CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

Overall, the new and rehabilitated buildings will improve hygiene and safety conditions and will allow the Promoter to apply better stringent statutory and technical conditions. By enabling a reorganisation of the medical service provision, the Project will enable the introduction of improved and more cost-effective methods for medical treatment and includes beneficial elements in terms of social cohesion and protection.

The Finance Contract will include an undertaking that the Promoter should provide the EIB with documents supporting the execution of an EIA procedure in case a full Environmental Impact Assessment is requested for any of the construction sites.

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 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.