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## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

### Overview

Project Name:	UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT
Project Number:	2015-0653
Country:	Ireland
Project Description:	The project consisted of the construction of new infrastructure (health and innovation facilities, and additional student accommodation), of the extension of existing academic buildings (Western Gate-building) and of the refurbishment of several existing but out-of-date university facilities (Windle Building Student Hub). The acquisition and refurbishment of four student residences was also included in the project.

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

**EIB notes the following Environmental and Social performance and key outcomes at Project Completion.**

The Project comprised twelve sub-projects. Of the twelve components, six are no longer covered by EIB financing due to delayed planning authorisation. Ten additional components have replaced the six delayed sub-projects. These components correspond to the renovation and refurbishment of research, science and student facilities as well as two new student residences. The Promoter confirmed that none of the Project components required an EIA.

The Promoter implemented a number of strategic upgrades, including the replacement of fossil fuel boilers and improvements to the building fabric. The implementation of these strategies has enabled the University to reduce absolute energy consumption and decrease the share of natural gas in the University's energy mix.

Energy performance certificates were provided for new construction components. The achieved energy rating for these components lies between 50 and 75 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> per year, corresponding to the objectives set out by the Promoter at appraisal. These energy savings are accompanied by a decrease in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, as confirmed by the Promoter in their 2022/2023 energy review<sup>1</sup>.

### Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the Promoter during construction that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.

<sup>1</sup> 2022/23 Energy performance review available on the Promoter's website here:  
[https://www.ucc.ie/en/media/support/greencampus/pdfs/gcwebsitepdfs/UCC2022\\_23EnergyReview.pdf](https://www.ucc.ie/en/media/support/greencampus/pdfs/gcwebsitepdfs/UCC2022_23EnergyReview.pdf)