

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	NAPOLI SUSTAINABLE CITY FRAMEWORK LOAN
Project Number:	2025-0516
Country:	Italy
Project Description:	Multi-sector Framework Loan (FL) aiming at supporting the City of Naples to implement its Urban Development Strategies, including the city's Urban Plan and Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan. Investments are part of the current City Triennial Investment Programme (DPU 2025-2027) and subsequent updates.

E&S Risk Categorisation:	Low risk
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>1</sup> :	No

### Environmental and Social Assessment

The investments supported under this Project (Framework Loan) are likely to result in minor or no adverse environmental, climate and/or social impacts and risks.

#### Environmental Assessment

The Project is structured as a multi-sector Framework Loan (FL) to co-finance investments (or schemes) covering urban development, regeneration and renewal of urban infrastructure. This comprises, among others, cultural facilities, social facilities (social housing, schools, social centres, youth centres, etc., etc.), sport and recreation facilities as well as other public buildings (administrative buildings, etc.). It also includes investments in open spaces and green areas, sustainable mobility, modernisation of urban roads, Renewable Energy (RE) and Energy Efficiency (EE), EE public lighting and IT Systems.

The schemes will be scattered through different neighbourhoods of the City of Naples and none of them will be in, or in the vicinity of protected areas.

The Project will be aligned with the Urban Development and Sectoral Strategies for Naples, including the city's Urban Plan and its Strategic Guiding Document for a just, sustainable, livable and attractive city as well as the city's Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan.

Some of the Project's underlying investments may fall under Annex II of EIA Directive 2011/92/EU amended by EIA Directive 2014/52/EU, requiring a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) or EIA screening by the competent authority on the basis of related Annex III to determine the need for a full EIA. In addition, the schemes included in the Project and as relevant, will have to comply with the

<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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Energy Performance of Buildings Directive 2010/31/EU (EPBD) and the Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC (WFD) as transposed into the Italian legislation.

During construction, the main Project's impacts are expected to be primarily related to traffic and accessibility disruptions, noise, vibration, and dust emissions. These impacts are expected to be short-lived, discontinuous and reversible. Furthermore, the construction impacts are expected to be addressed through adequate environmental management and monitoring plans. During operation, the Project is expected to bring positive effects on environment and climate action, including the resilience of the city to climate change and overall, the quality of life of its residents.

## **Climate Assessment**

### ***Climate change mitigation:***

Naples is signatory of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy. It is committed to Climate Action, which is one of the drivers in the urban planning and design of projects. In this regard, the Project includes Renewable Energy measures and Energy Efficiency measures in public buildings as well as sustainable mobility schemes, which contribute to climate mitigation.

### ***Climate change adaptation:***

Naples faces key climate risks such as heat waves and superficial flooding from heavy rainfall, which are incorporated into the city's Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP). The Project includes green areas and parks which contribute to Climate Change Adaptation.

### ***Paris Alignment of projects:***

Investments under this Project will be eligible for EIB financing only if they are aligned with the Paris Agreement (PA). In this regard, the Project is deemed aligned to both, against low-carbon and resilience goals, as outlined in the Climate Bank Roadmap.

## **Carbon Footprint Calculation**

Not Applicable for Framework Loans that include only small and medium size schemes.

## **Social Assessment**

The schemes covered by this Project mirror the objectives of the City Urban Plan and its new strategic objectives which aim at fairer, more integrated, sustainable and inclusive planning. In particular, the Project comprises the financing of social housing and support to the migrant ROM community as well as other social services. Interventions for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for social housing will combat energy poverty among the most vulnerable groups.

These investments are expected to contribute to provide services to the large number of disadvantaged and marginalised citizens in Naples including women and families at risk as well as the disabled and migrants as well as foster their further integration and improve their socio-economic opportunities.

Therefore, the Project's overall social benefit is expected to be positive resulting from the implementation of individual schemes with a high social and economic impact given their potential to provide better quality infrastructure and services and more livable and socially inclusive neighbourhoods. Wider social-economic benefits may be expected such as induced investment, employment effects and productivity impacts resulting from the improvement of public infrastructure and services.

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## **Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement**

The proposed schemes included in the FL are in line with the City's long term Urban Plan. This Plan undergoes a regular public consultation process and all concerned inhabitants of the City are given the possibility to provide their contributions. Sectorial City Operational Plans and Programmes, which are also subject to Public Consultation in line with participatory planning principles.

Additionally, the citizenry has an impact on the Investment Programmes according to a participatory process with different access points – this includes physical and online tools, together with meetings and discussions for proposal at the level of the neighbourhood.

## **Other Environmental and Social Aspects**

Naples is also improving its resilience against earthquakes, given its location in a seismic area. This aspect will be particularly relevant for the rehabilitation of public buildings and investments in social housing which will comply with the latest design codes standards.

Based on the due diligence process, the institutional capacity of the Promoter (Municipality of Naples) to manage and monitor the environmental and social issues is deemed as good.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The Municipality of Naples is a capable Promoter able to manage the environmental and social issues of all the schemes included in this Project. The overall environmental and social impact of the Project is expected to be positive, with an improved environment and quality of life for citizens and visitors to the city. The Project is expected to contribute to climate action through mitigation and adaptation measures incorporated in the project designs given the alignment of the investment schemes with the city's Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan.

## **Environmental and Social Conditions**

In projects/schemes, where applicable, the Borrower will be requested to deliver to the Bank before funds are allocated, the copy of the EIA report and evidence of compliance with the Habitats and Birds Directives. For schemes triggering Article 4.7 of the WFD, the Borrower has to provide evidence of the compliance with it, before the Bank funds are allocated. Additionally, upon request, the Borrower will need to provide selected Energy Performance Certificates obtained in line with national and EU legislation on the energy performance for buildings.

Based on the information available and with appropriate conditions and monitoring, the Project is acceptable for EIB financing in environmental and social terms.