

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	UPGRADING MONTENEGRO HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE
Project Number:	2025-0290
Country:	Montenegro
Project Description:	The Project supports the construction of a new General Hospital in Pljevlja, replacing outdated facilities to improve service accessibility in northern Montenegro; the construction of the new City Kwart Health Centre in Podgorica, which will address overburdened primary healthcare services due to rapid urban expansion; and the construction of a new Hematology Clinic within the Clinical Center of Montenegro, which will enhance cancer diagnosis and treatment. Additionally, over 30 public healthcare institutions will benefit from investments in modern medical equipment, such as Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Computed Tomography scanners, and X-ray machines among others, reducing diagnostic waiting times and enhancing service delivery. The Project is part of a broader programme to modernise Montenegro's health sector, involving also the International Atomic Energy Agency lead project for breast cancer imaging and supported by the Bank's catalytic role in enabling this cooperation.

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

### Environmental and Social Assessment

Due to the type and characteristics of the investments funded by the EIB loan, primarily medical equipment and minor fit-out works, the project, if implemented within the European Union, would not be subject to the Environmental Impact Assessment requirements set out in Directive 2011/92/EU, as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU

#### Environmental Assessment

The Project consists of the construction of a new healthcare infrastructure in Montenegro and the acquisition and installation of medical equipment in several public healthcare institutions in Montenegro. The acquisition of the medical equipment and the small fit-out works required for the installation will be financed by the EIB loan, while the construction of the healthcare facilities will be funded by the Council of Europe Bank (CEB) loan (on parallel co-financing basis). The project will

<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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have an impact on the overall health standards for the population, expanding the accessibility, quality and safety of the health services offered by public facilities.

In line with 2022 EIB Group E&S Policy (paragraph 4.6), CEB and EIB have agreed on a common approach for the application of the two banks' E&S standards for this Project. Consequently, each bank will apply its own E&S standards to the component of the Project that it is funding.

Considering the nature of these investments (notably the purchase of equipment and associated small-scale fit-out works directly linked to installation and commissioning of new medical equipment) and its alignment with both the EU Directive 2011/92/EU, as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU and the local national legislation, it is unlikely that the project will have a significant negative impact on the environment.

### **Climate Assessment**

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

N/A

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

EIB will finance medical equipment, which are components regarded as not materially at risk from physical climate change hazards, because they are not exposed or can be easily repaired or replaced in case of weather or climate related damage or loss. The physical climate risk for this Project is considered Low.

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

The project is considered to be Paris aligned because i) it meets the low carbon criteria as set out in the Climate Bank Roadmap (Annex 2, Table I Human Capital) and ii) is assessed as not materially at risk from physical climate hazards.

### **Carbon Footprint Calculation**

N/A

### **Social Assessment**

By financing the modernization of the medical equipment, the project contributes to providing high-quality, safe healthcare services to all citizens, fostering a culture of good health practices and safe living.

The project is expected to improve equitable access to healthcare services, particularly in underserved regions, and contribute to safer and more inclusive public health outcomes.

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

N/A

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

N/A

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

Due to the type and characteristics of the investments funded by the EIB loan, no negative impact on environment is expected. The project will have an impact on the overall health standards for the population, expanding the accessibility, quality and safety of the health services offered by public facilities.