

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name: HUMAN CAPITAL CO-FINANCING FL
 Project Number: 2012-0349
 Project Description: The loan will provide financing for the Social Infrastructure and the Social Renewal Operational Programmes within Hungary's National Strategic Reference Framework for the EU programming period 2007-2013, complementing EU grants and national resources.

EIA required: potentially (for some sub-schemes)

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise: no

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment, including key issues and overall conclusion and recommendation

The programme consists of the acquisition of adequate medical equipment, remodelling and extension of existing facilities and the construction of new buildings. Since parts of the investments include the replacement of outdated facilities by modern solution, the project will generally lead to environmental improvements. Council Directive 2011/92/EC on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) does not specifically mention education activities, however if it is an urban development, Annex II/III of the EIA Directive could apply. This will be checked during the project implementation. The undertaking concerning delivery of list of subprojects together with the information concerning environmental issues will be integrated to the Finance Contract.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The programme consists of the remodelling and extension of existing facilities, the construction of new buildings and the acquisition of adequate medical equipment. The building of new facilities should fall under Annex II of the EIA Directive on Environmental Impact Assessment (urban development) and therefore the competent authority will have to confirm whether an EIA is required.. Analogically, the potential impact on nature conservation sites will also be screened. The relevant EU Directives have been, generally, transposed into national Hungarian legislation.

Since parts of the investments include the replacement, renovation or remodelling of existing facilities, the project will generally lead to environmental improvements. Inadequate buildings will be replaced or if reconstructed, provided with a thermal insulation and new heating systems, which will decrease the energy consumption significantly. Improvements to sanitary provisions and water supply are by their very nature environmentally positive. The Promoter has been obliged to deliver relevant sub-projects' documentation concerning environmental issues.

Social Assessment, where applicable

The project is aimed to improve equity of access to education and health care services in Hungary and as such it will have a positive social impact, including inhabitants of underserved or remote areas.

The investment in up-to-dated medical equipment and modernized health care facilities will improve working conditions of medical staff – professional groups usually exposed to a variety of occupational hazards, both of physical, biological and chemical character.