

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	H HART HOSPITAL ROESELARE-MENEN (B)
Project Number:	20130045
Country:	BELGIUM
Project Description:	Construction of a building for a general hospital on a new site in the city of Roeselare merging 2 existing hospitals.
EIA required:	yes
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no

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

Hospitals are not specifically mentioned in the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU on Environmental Impact Assessment, though they may be covered by Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development. The actual project concerns the construction of a new hospital on a greenfield site next to a major road. Since the expected traffic generated by the new hospital (800 vehicles per hour) reached the relevant threshold of the national legislation (1,000 vehicles within two hours), the project was screened-in for an EIA. The related process was concluded satisfactorily on 23rd March 2010 and the relevant authority issued the environmental permit on 25th February 2011. Following the recommendations of the EIA, a new access will be constructed to the existing main road, but since the additional traffic generated by the hospital is marginal compared to the current traffic flows on this busy road, no further mitigation measures are necessary.

Overall, the creation of a new state-of-the-art facility will improve hygiene and safety conditions and will allow the promoter to apply the most stringent statutory and technical conditions. By offering accessible and universal care to the population, the project also includes beneficial elements in terms of social cohesion and protection.

In light of the above, the overall environmental and social rating of the project is considered acceptable with minor negative residual impacts.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project covers construction works within an urbanized area and within an already approved urban development plan. Environmental issues relating to the water, traffic and the treatment of the soil affected by the construction works have been handled either when setting up the land use plan or within the EIA procedure. The resulting environmental conditions are an integral part of the building permit. The relevant conditions have been fully incorporated in the final planning.

Being a major source of traffic, the new hospital will be erected next to a major road whose overall use will not increase significantly considering the additional traffic generated by the hospital. A suitable access to the site for cars, pedestrians and cyclists has been incorporated in the actual planning.