

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name: GRANGEGORMAN PPP
 Project Number: 2013-0257
 Country: Ireland
 Project Description: Consolidation of the Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT) education facilities into a single campus, located 1.5 km north-west of Dublin city center. The EUR 230m PPP project concerns two buildings on this site: the Central Quad (College of Science and Health) and the East Quad (College of Arts).

EIA required: no

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise¹: no

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

The Council Directive 2011/92/EU on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) does not specifically mention education activities. However, in a case of urban development, Annex II of the EIA Directive could have applied. Strategic environmental assessment (SEA) was conducted. EIA was screened out as not required. Overall environmental and social assessment is acceptable (B), with possible minor negative residual impacts. The Promoter is conscious of environmental issues and the mitigation measures regarding have been identified.

Disbursement conditions:

Before the first disbursement

- The promoter must deliver to the Bank the Form A of the project duly filled in and signed;
- The promoter must deliver to the Bank a copy of the decision of the relevant authority stating that EIA is not required.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project site is situated in existing in urban area, close to the city centre. The Bank has been informed in a written form by the Promoter that the project was screened out by local authorities regarding EIA. However, delivery of the copy of decision of the relevant authorities in that respect will be the disbursement condition, unless the document is obtained earlier. The core of the campus area will be closed for car and bus traffic. The new campus will be connected to the city centre and suburbs of Dublin by public transport (busses, railway). The development is part of the urban regeneration and rejuvenation of the Grangegorman district, previously hosting premises of the psychiatric hospital and other facilities, previously with limited access for the public. Strategic environmental assessment (SEA) was conducted regarding the Grangegorman Strategic Plan 2011. The currently presented project will include construction of the Central Quad hosting College of Science and Health and the East Quad with College of Arts. A number of public agencies, including the Dublin City Council, have been consulted in the SEA process. The Promoter is conscious of environmental issues.

¹ Only projects that meet the scope of the Pilot Exercise, as defined in the EIB draft Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: above 100,000 tons CO₂e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tons CO₂e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

The mitigation measures regarding minor negative impacts have been identified and may be found in detail in the SEA document.

Social Assessment, where applicable

The social benefits of providing a modern, fit for purpose, dedicated higher education facilities, with all the necessary support amenities, are expected to be significant.