

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	Uniklinikum Homburg
Project Number:	2010-0213
Country:	Germany
Project Description:	Construction of a new building for internal medicine as part of Saarland's University Hospital long-term investment programme.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no

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

The actual project concerns the extension of an existing hospital to replace about 16 outdated buildings no longer suitable for the provision of modern medical service. Hospitals are not specifically mentioned in the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, though the project is covered by Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development. The foreseen construction works will all be carried out on the existing site and within or in close connection with the existing buildings. Since the foreseen construction works are fully covered by an approved land use plan, the relevant building permits have been issued without requesting an environmental impact assessment as per the national Land Use and Building Act (BauGB or UVPG) that is aligned with the Directive 2011/92/EU.

Overall, the rehabilitation and extension of the outdated facilities will improve hygiene and safety conditions and will allow the promoter to apply the most stringent statutory and technical conditions. The modernised buildings and the consolidation of the services on a reduced footprint will increase the overall energy efficiency. By offering accessible and universal healthcare 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 therefore considered acceptable with minor negative residual impacts.

Environmental and Social Assessment

As the project covers construction works in an urbanized area within or close to the existing facility, no significant impact is expected on the environment. Overall the replacement of outdated facilities with a new building will improve hygiene and safety conditions and will allow the promoter to apply better stringent statutory and technical conditions. A further positive impact will be expected through the replacement of buildings with inefficient installations and unproven materials with a building using more efficient technical installations and which will be constructed with materials whose environmental acceptance has been tested and verified. In particular the project enables the promoter to free buildings where the working conditions do not match today's standards.

Being a university clinic, it is unavoidable for the promoter to handle with hazard materials. As an academic institution responsible for research and training, the teaching of students and personal in the proper handling of such hazard materials is an important duty for the promoter. Consequently sound institutional bodies have been set up to manage and monitor these environmental issues.