

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name: **Basque Health Investment Programme**
Project Number: 20120260
Country: Spain
Project Description: The project concerns an investment programme in the health infrastructure of the Basque Country, Spain.

EIA required: no

So far, none of the sub-projects included in the programme have required an EIA. If any future sub-projects require an EIA, the Bank will be notified and the NTS provided.

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise¹: no

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

Health activities are not mentioned specifically by EU Directive 2011/92/EC on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), although hospital projects might be covered by Appendix II of the Directive in relation to urban developments. So far, none of the sub-projects included in the programme have required an EIA. If any future sub-projects require an EIA, the Bank will be notified and the NTS provided.

The sub-projects will improve the current situation through providing better healthcare to the citizens of the Basque Region whilst continually reducing the environmental impact of the operations through a series of measures aimed at improving energy efficiency and making maximum use of renewable energy opportunities.

Overall, the project is therefore considered to be acceptable with a minor negative residual impact.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The promoter's environmental action plan sets the following targets for 2020, 20% reduction in CO₂ emissions, 20% reduction in primary energy demand and that at least 20% of the energy consumed should be from renewable sources.

Since introducing a first cogeneration plant in 1997, the promoter has continually improved his sourcing and consumption of energy through measures such as; solar panels, photovoltaic panels, geothermal sources, biomass boilers etc.

The promoter is fully aware of his environmental responsibilities and has incorporated renewal energy options and state-of-the-art energy efficiency and savings features in the programme. The relevant environmental legislation is fully respected and all the necessary permits have been obtained.

Social Assessment, where applicable

The investment programme will benefit the citizens of the Basque region by providing modern healthcare services in modern facilities.

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.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement, where required

The promoter has a policy of continual communication with the local community affected by its projects and operations.