

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	PLZEN URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE III
Project Number:	2013-0144
Country:	CZECH REPUBLIC
Project Description:	Multi-sector investment programme aimed at improving urban infrastructure

EIA required:	Framework loan, multi-scheme operation
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Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no
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Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment, including key issues and overall conclusion and recommendation

The operation comprises multi-sector municipal infrastructure investments of high importance for the further development of the city, supporting urban renewal. Given the sound implementation of the previous multi-sector urban infrastructure programme, the proposed operation is expected to result in urban restructuring and reinforcement of the country's fourth largest city. It is estimated that the operation will result in a significant number of positive environmental and social externalities; by the provision of better quality municipal infrastructure the city will improve the quality of life for its inhabitants and strengthen its competitiveness.

The Borrower shall not commit any proceeds of the loan against schemes that require an EIA or biodiversity assessment according to EU and national law without, prior to commitment, receiving the consent from competent authority and the Non-Technical Summary of the EIA having been made available to the public. The Borrower undertakes to provide to the Bank an executive summary of any Environmental Impact Assessment required by the authorities.

Environmental and Social Assessment

The Czech Republic has harmonised its environmental legislation according to the environmental standards mandated by relevant EU Directives. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) procedures are set by Act No. 100/2001. EU requirements for natural reserve areas have been transposed through respective amendments to Act. 114/1992 on Nature and Landscape Protection.

Selected schemes will be based on comprehensive urban development and regeneration strategies and plans. For the initial Development Programme a strategic environmental assessment was carried out setting the framework for development and investments. The long-term Plzen Development Programme sets the priorities and principles aiming at supporting sustainable development. Investments to be funded by EIB are likely to act as catalysts for significant physical and economic development and regeneration. The re-use of Brownfield sites forms an important element of the city's urban development strategy. As regards individual projects, local area plans and sector strategies and plans (e.g. on mobility, flood protection) are in place, e.g. in form of integrated urban development plan for specific areas.