

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	HUS HEALTH CARE INVESTMENT PROGRAMME II
Project Number:	2014-0069
Country:	Finland
Project Description:	Investment programme of the Hospital District of Helsinki and Uusimaa in the Uusimaa region in the south of Finland during 2014-2017.
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 foreseen construction works are all in line with an approved urban land use plan and, according to the national legislation which is in line with the relevant EU directive and the competent authorities, none of the schemes included in the programme requires an Environmental Impact Assessment, as the whole project will be implemented either within existing facilities or on the site of existing hospitals (Decree of the Finnish Government on EIA Procedure 713/2006). The project does not present any significant environmental or social risks. On the contrary, given the nature of the project, it is likely to have positive ramifications on social cohesion and the general well-being of the population.

The project is an integral part of the Energy Efficiency Agreement signed between HUS and the Ministry of Employment and the Economy for the period of 2008 – 2016, aiming at saving 9% of annual energy consumption.

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Hospitals are not specifically mentioned in the Directive 2011/92/EU, though the Project is covered by Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development. According to the national legislation being in line with the relevant EU directive and the competent authority, EIA is not required for any of the project sites as all investments of the programme will be implemented either within existing facilities or on the site of existing hospitals areas. With respect to the main project site, the Helsinki Central University Hospital Campus, a revised land use plan was approved in April 2006 by the City of Helsinki which defines the future development of the site.

The Energy Efficiency Agreement was signed between HUS and the Ministry of Employment and the Economy for the period of 2008 – 2016. The agreement, approved by the Executive Board of HUS (§ 9 / 21.1.2008), states the engagement of 25,1 GWh (9% of annual consumption as per 2008) energy conservation for the period of 2008 – 2016. HUS had already achieved 16,9 GWh cuts by the end of 2013. This agreement will apply to the presented investment programme.