

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

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| Project Name: | BIG IV - SONDERBAUPROGRAMM UNIVERSITAETEN |
| Project Number: | 2014-0622 |
| Country: | Austria |
| Project Description: | Reconstruction and upgrading of a number of public university facilities in Austria. |
| EIA required: | no |
| Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise: | no |

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

Universities and scientific institutions of this kind 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 actual project concerns the rehabilitation and extension of existing buildings, basically to either improve the buildings energy performance, their safety or the overall condition. One of the foreseen subproject aims to rehabilitate a listed building.

Since the foreseen construction works are fully covered by an approved land use plan, the promoter confirmed that none of the subprojects require an environmental impact assessment as per the national Land Use and Building Act that is aligned with the Directive 2011/92/EU.

Overall, the rehabilitation and extension of the existing buildings will improve hygiene and safety conditions and will allow the promoter to apply the most stringent statutory and technical conditions. In respect to energy consumption, the rehabilitated buildings will contribute be designed to higher standards than required by the national legislation. 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

Environmental Assessment

As the project covers construction works in an urban area within or close to the existing facilities, no significant impact is expected on the environment. The project aims at improving the quality of overall estate, to improve the energy efficiency and to ensure a safe operation of various university buildings.

Furthermore Directive 2012/27/EU request the Member States to reduce the energy consumption of central government building stock by 3% annually until 2020. In respect to the building stock managed by BIG, this requires a reduction of about 50 to 60 GW per year. However, the Austrian Parliament decided to aim for a much higher reduction of 125 GW. The project alone will contribute to this ambitious target with a reduction of about 45 to 50 GW.