

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	STADTENTWICKLUNG BRANDENBURG III
Project Number:	2014-0125
Country:	Germany
Project Description:	The Framework Loan will comprise a portfolio of sub-projects for urban infrastructure, cultural heritage/historic monuments, public buildings and some social housing, located within urban renewal and development areas throughout the Land Brandenburg. The investments concern improvement, downsizing and (re-)construction to be implemented in the years 2014-2018 throughout local authorities in the Land Brandenburg which is a 'transition region' under EU eligibility in the 2014-2020 period and an EIB Cohesion Priority Region.
EIA required:	multiple scheme operation, some schemes may require an EIA
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no

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

The multi-scheme operation is expected to significantly contribute to the urban environment. Important socio-economic benefits in terms of urban renewal and regeneration, preservation of cultural heritage and energy efficiency are expected to result from implementing the investments of improvement, downsizing and (re-)construction of urban infrastructure, cultural heritage/historic monuments, public buildings and some social housing, located within urban renewal and development areas throughout the Land Brandenburg. Through the provision of better quality public infrastructure and improved social housing estates, the respective local authorities will improve the quality of life for their inhabitants.

The urban renewal schemes to be financed will be part of local integrated urban renewal concepts and/or urban development plans that were subject to a strategic environmental assessment (SEA). The urban renewal schemes included extensive involvement of the local community which should ensure that investments respond to residents' needs. Some schemes will bring back into use Brownfield sites and under-used buildings.

New construction of buildings will be implemented at high energy performance with low energy consumption. As regards retrofitting, the operation will lead to a considerable reduction of energy consumption of existing buildings. Any environmental effects such as disturbances during civil work constructions should be mitigated by appropriate measures. Given that the investments undertaken throughout the local authorities in the Brandenburg region will contribute to more sustainable urban development and are line with Bank's criteria for this sector, the framework loan is considered to be acceptable for EIB financing from an environmental and social perspective

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Relevant EU Directives were transposed into the national legislation (EIA Directive, Birds and Habitat Directive, Energy Performance of Buildings Directive). The urban renewal investments

to be financed under the operation have to comply with high environmental standards and will significantly contribute to the improvement of the urban environment.

For schemes either requiring an EIA or likely to have significant effects on a site of nature conservation importance (if any) the final beneficiaries of the individual sub-projects shall submit to the Bank the non-technical summary of the EIA prior to the use of funds.

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