

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name: Norrköping Municipal Investments  
Project Number: 2014-0611  
Country: Sweden  
Project Description: The project concerns the financing of investment schemes forming part of the city of Norrköping's four-year investment programme from 2015 to 2018. The project is expected to comprise a number of small to medium sized schemes in the fields of municipal housing, education, childcare, transportation as well as investments in water and wastewater treatment.

EIA required: No

This is multi-scheme Framework Loan operation. Some of the schemes may fall under Annex II of the EIA Directive and have to be screened by the Competent Authority. Should any scheme be screened in, the Promoter shall deliver the NTS of EIAs to the Bank, if applicable, before the Bank funds are allocated.

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise<sup>1</sup>: No

(details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")

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

The investment schemes covered by this framework loan operation are essentially based on the Urban Development Plan 2010, which was subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

Given the relative small size of the individual schemes and the nature of the sectors concerned, most of the schemes are deemed not to have significant environmental impacts.

In case of investments in reconstruction and/or renovation of public buildings and municipal rental housing, there are a number of positive effects expected, including energy savings in buildings owned by the municipalities as a result of insulation of walls and roofs, changing of windows and other energy efficiency measures.

The reconstruction works are expected to have some minor negative impacts during the construction/implementation period. Once the works are completed it is generally expected that the overall net environmental impact will be positive.

The biggest social impact will be obtained from the municipal housing schemes. The loan will support the construction of new housing units for rent and the renovation of existing housing units for rent in a city that suffers from a housing deficit. The shortage of affordable rental housing is in particular felt by young people. The investments in affordable housing will not resolve the housing shortage, but it will alleviate the most urgent needs.

The Municipality's investments in sewerage, water and wastewater treatment will have an overall positive impact on the environment. As Norrköping is located in the river basin

<sup>1</sup> 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 CO<sub>2</sub>e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tons CO<sub>2</sub>e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

connected to the Baltic Sea, the investment will help to reduce pollution loads to the Baltic Sea.

The net environmental and social impact of the Norrköping Municipal Investments operation is positive, with improved environment and in particular social conditions for the inhabitants in the Municipality of Norrköping.

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Given the nature of the operation and the procedures concerning EIA and nature protection put in place by the competent authorities in Norrköping, the Framework Loan is acceptable in environmental terms.

## **Environmental and Social Assessment**

The Norrköping Municipal Investments programme 2015-2018 results from the Norrköping Urban Master Plan 2010, for which a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) was carried out, consulted and approved by the Competent Authority in June 2010. The consultation period was in the spring 2009 and the SEA was subsequently revised in the autumn 2009, taking into account comments received during the consultation process. The Competent Authority in Norrköping is the County Administrative Board in the County of Östergötland (Länsstyrelsen i Östergötlands län). This Authority is also the Competent Authority for protected sites, including Natura 2000 and EIAs.

The improvements of infrastructure included in this programme will cater to the modernisation of the city's basic infrastructure and the improvement in the quality of public services. The plan includes several components – renovation and energy efficiency measures in existing municipal housing and the construction of new municipal rental housing, school upgrading, kindergartens and infrastructure for water and waste water treatment - to be implemented over the next four years. The investment programme is a coherent and target-based urban development plan including investments in domains where Norrköping, as a local government, has financial and planning responsibility.

Should any scheme included under this Framework Loan require an EIA, it would be subject to the Bank's standard review of the non-technical summary of the EIA. The Promoter will be required to act according to the provisions of the relevant EU Directives, including the, EIA, Habitats and Birds Directives and relevant sector directives applicable to the individual schemes. The Promoter shall deliver to the Bank a confirmation or equivalent by the competent authority that the schemes have no significant impact on nature sites of Community Importance or their equivalents, as well as the NTS of EIAs where applicable.

Some of the schemes in the operation fall under Annex II of the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU and will therefore be subject to screening by the competent authority. Furthermore, should any schemes in the programme have an impact on protected sites, the Promoter will be required to act according to the provisions of the Habitats and Birds Directives.

It is expected that the social impacts of the project will be overall positive. The everyday life for the inhabitants and associated social relations and routines will be improved thanks to improved mobility, improved municipal infrastructure, new and renovated municipal rental housing, new and renovated kindergartens and schools and other infrastructure for public services.

The competent authorities in Norrköping have put in place relevant procedures concerning EIA and nature protection. The institutional capacity of the Municipality of Norrköping to deal with environmental and social issues is deemed to be acceptable.