

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	Jyväskylä Central Hospital
Project Number:	2014-0694
Country:	Finland
Project Description:	Construction of a new central hospital in Jyväskylä, Finland

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 project supports the replacement of the existing buildings of the Central Hospital in Jyväskylä Central Hospital in Finland.

Hospitals 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 foreseen construction works will all be carried out next to the existing site in an area that is covered by an existing urban development plan. The relevant development plan is currently in the process of final approval (to be approved by the City Council in Aug/Sep 2015) and the promoter confirmed that no EIA has been requested by the Competent Authority within this process.

Overall, the rehabilitation and extension of the outdated facilities will improve hygiene and safety. Due to the reduced footprint and the use of new materials and technologies, the new and modernised buildings will increase the overall energy efficiency. In light of the above, the overall environmental and social rating of the project is therefore considered acceptable with minor negative residual impacts and eligible the Bank's financing.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

As the project covers works within or close to the existing facility, no significant impact is expected on the environment. Overall the replacement or modernisation of the outdated buildings will improve hygiene and safety conditions and will allow the Promoter to apply better stringent statutory and technical conditions. A further positive impact will be expected through the use of more efficient technical installations and materials whose environmental acceptance has been tested and verified.

The project enables the promoter to free buildings where the air quality is insufficient for today's requirements (sick building syndrome). These problems could not be adequately addressed in the normal maintenance and adaptation process but will be considered with the construction of the new building.