

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	VIENNA SCHOOL PPP PROGRAM
Project Number:	2015-0231
Country:	Austria
Project Description:	New construction of nine school and kindergarten campuses in the City of Vienna, each delivered under a PPP scheme, in the period from 2017 to 2023.
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 framework program entails nine projects distributed in different districts of the City of Vienna on plots of land owned by the Municipality. Each project concerns the construction of one new school Campus designed according to the principles of the Campus+ formula aiming to create an effective learning built environment integrated with the local community.

Educational buildings are not specifically mentioned in the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU however the project is covered by Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development. The Project doesn't entail development of new areas, nevertheless the Bank's services will verify during implementation the decision of the Competent Authority.

The City's administration's environment department, with the support of the Vienna Umweltanwaltschaft, an independent environmental counselling agency of the City of Vienna, stated that the projects are not subject to EIA.

The project will be implemented with high environmental standards as the new constructions will follow the standards set by the City of Vienna's in terms of energy efficiency in educational buildings.

In the light of the above, the project is acceptable for the Bank's financing.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

None of the BIENE sub-projects lies inside, or affects one of Vienna's four Natura 2000 sites (Donau-Auen national parc, Naturschutzgebiet Lainzer Tiergarten, Landschaftsschutzgebiet Liesing, parts of Bisamberg), which the Vienna regional government declared European protection Areas (Europaschutzgebiete) in 2007.

Moreover, none of the BIENE sites reaches the size threshold of an EIA as per § 3 of the Austrian EIA law (Umweltverträglichkeitsprüfungsgesetz) of the year 2000. This is the conclusion reached by MA22, the City's administration's environment department, with the support of the Vienna Umweltanwaltschaft, an independent environmental counselling agency of the City of Vienna.

With respect to cultural heritage, the only sensitive project component in the BIENE programme is the plot chosen for the future Campus school in Atzgersdorf (Breitenfurter Straße), which hosts the former coffin factory, a protected building. The monument protection concerns the external walls facing the outer boundary of the site as well as the main production hall of the factory. The plot is large enough to host the school next to the monument. Thus, there is no space rivalry between the monument and the future school, even though questions on the distance between the two and safety of access to the school will have to be assessed. The assessment of the buildable land includes proof drilling and other exploration techniques to detect soil contamination and war bombs.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement, where required

The Promoters will have to ensure compliance with national and European environmental and nature regulations and facilitate the access by the public to environmentally relevant information in accordance with the Bank's Transparency Policy.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The City of Vienna's building technology decree (Bautechnikverordnung) specifies a binding low-energy standard for new educational buildings (HWB* 4,65kWh/m³a). The City also has an energy efficiency programme (städtisches Energieeffizienzprogramm – SEP) in place, which includes, in particular, a favourable building surface-to-volume ratio, controlled ventilation with heat recovery as well as a systematic feasibility assessment of renewable energy use at the planning stage. That being said, the BIENE Campuses are all expected to be connected to the City's district heating system.

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