

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	Krankenhausinvestitionsprogramm Brandenburg
Project Number:	2015-0386
Country:	Germany
Project Description:	The financing of small and medium-sized investments in the hospital infrastructure in the Federal State of Brandenburg in the period 2014-2018.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no

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

Hospitals and healthcare facilities 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, adaptation and extension of 53 public hospitals located in the State of Brandenburg.

The promoter confirmed that all construction works will be executed on an existing campus or closely linked to the existing hospital buildings. All projects are fully covered by an approved land use plan which can only be set up with a public consultation and the approval of the competent authority. 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.

In particular the replacement and rehabilitation of the outdated buildings will improve hygiene and safety conditions and will allow the promoter to apply stringent statutory and technical conditions. In respect to energy consumption, the new and rehabilitated buildings will be designed to the standards required by the national legislation (EnEV 2014). In light of the above, the overall environmental and social rating of the project is therefore considered acceptable with minor negative residual impacts and is therefore eligible for the Bank's financing.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project supports a long-term investment programme in about 53 individual hospitals aiming to replace unsustainable or outdated infrastructure for the provision of hospital care. 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.

As the project covers works within or close to the existing facilities, no significant impact is expected on the environment. Modernised buildings will improve hygiene and safety conditions and allows the various facilities to apply better stringent statutory and technical conditions.

It is expected that the project will have positive social benefits as healthcare is an element of social cohesion.