

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	Wohnraum für Flüchtlinge (Refugee Accommodation)
Project Number:	2015-0493
Country:	Germany
Project Description:	The Framework Loan operation concerns the provision of additional appropriate accommodation for refugee/asylum seekers implemented and operated by local authorities in the Federal State of Brandenburg.
EIA required:	This is a 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.
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 alleviating the situation of the high number of refugees/asylum seekers arriving in Germany. The multi-scheme operation supports a pragmatic way of providing urgently needed additional accommodation for refugee/asylum seekers. Schemes under the EIB operation will take place in a comprehensively regulated framework. Individual schemes have to obtain building permission, to meet energy efficiency criteria for buildings and be in locations which are included in local spatial plans.

A number of additional specific exclusions apply for this operation, including in particular that a) facilities located in economic or industrial zones are excluded from the operation, b) reception facilities are excluded from the operation as this operation focuses on accommodating refugees/asylum seekers provided by local authorities.

The project is expected to significantly improve the urban environment by helping to provide acceptable conditions for refugee/asylum seekers arriving in the region. It is expected that the operation will result in a significant number of positive social externalities (e.g. better integration of refugees in the local social context, reduction of social tensions, improvement of urban environment through the development of good quality accommodation) in an EU transition region, justifying the Bank's involvement.

The investments undertaken throughout the Brandenburg region are line with Bank's criteria for this sector. Therefore the operation is considered to be acceptable for Bank financing from a social and environmental perspective.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

Relevant EU Directives were transposed into national legislation (EIA Directive, Birds and Habitat Directive, Energy Performance of Buildings Directive). The social housing investments to be financed under the operation will comply with high environmental standards and will significantly contribute to the improvement of the urban environment. The initial EU Directive on Energy Performance of Buildings (EPBD) and the parts relevant to the project of the Directive's recast (2010/31/EU) have been transposed. Where applicable, Energy Performance Certificates will be issued after completion. For schemes either requiring environmental impact assessment (EIA) or having a negative impact on an area forming part of the Natura 2000 network (falling under the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC or Birds Directive

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2009/147/EC), the Bank would require the promoter to act according to the provisions of the aforementioned Directives as transposed into the national law, prior to the use of funds.

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