

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name: *CHIREC BRUSSELS HOSPITAL*
 Project Number: *20110085*
 Country: *Belgium*
 Project Description: The project consists in the construction of a new hospital with 500 beds to consolidate the services presently offered by three of the hospitals ("Clinique Edith Cavell", "Clinique Parc Leopold" and, partially, "Clinique Basilique", with a total of 562 beds) no longer fit for the provision of healthcare services. To be constructed as a new building on a greenfield site in the outskirts of Brussels (as part of a major urban renewal project – DELTA), the hospital will continue to provide general and specialised care to the population in Brussels and surrounding areas. The two remaining sites operated by the promoter ("Clinique Braine-l'Alleud" and "Clinique Sainte Anne – Saint Remy") will continue their activity and will be upgraded to 300 beds each before the construction of the new hospital.

EIA required: YES

The project is still in the design phase and the EIA process, launched in January 2012, is not yet completed. See conditions below.

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise¹: NO

(Details are provided in section: "Carbon Footprint")

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

The project concerns the construction of a new hospital to replace three no longer fit for purpose hospitals located on constrained sites with difficult access. As this project is part of a major urban regeneration scheme (DELTA) it is expected that access and egress will be optimised and therefore the impact of people and traffic movement will be minimised. The situation will be significantly improved at the three old sites.

The following conditions and undertakings will be included in the Finance Contract;

Disbursement conditions

Evidence that the construction and environmental permits, as required by the Belgian legislation, have been obtained (the Promoter has confirmed the need for an EIA and the process was launched in January 2012) and that the promoter has provided the NTS to the Bank.

Undertakings

1. Prior to commencement of works, the Bank shall receive from the Promoter confirmation that;
 - no change has occurred in the scope, objectives, technical description, investment costs, financing mechanisms and economic justification of the hospital, as compared to the information delivered at the time of appraisal, or;
 - changes have occurred, a detailed description of them has been provided to the Bank and the technical description included in the finance contract has been altered to reflect those changes.

¹ 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 CO₂e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tons CO₂e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The new hospital is part of a major urban regeneration project which is expected to bring significant benefits to the area. The environmental impacts of the hospital itself, including people and traffic movements, hazardous waste management and energy consumption have been thoroughly analysed and appropriate plans are being put in place. Road connections to the site are good and public transport links are planned. The promoter has significant experience of handling medical waste. As regards energy consumption, the promoter has set the designers the ambitious target of meeting energy efficiency targets at least 20% below the current national standards in the Netherlands (in the absence of suitable standards in Belgium).

EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise

Project is not included - the EIB draft Carbon Footprint Methodologies only include emissions from Investment Loans, and large allocations under Framework Loans, above the methodology thresholds.

Social Assessment, where applicable

The overall social impact of the project is expected to be positive through the provision of better healthcare in better surroundings with better access for the citizens being served.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement, where required

Public consultation is taking place as part of the ongoing EIA process. The results of the EIA and the NTS will be communicated to the Bank once the process is completed.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

None.

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