

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	LORCA EARTHQUAKE RECONSTRUCTION		
Project Number:	20110308		
Country:	Spain		
Project Description:	Reconstruction of various buildings, residential and non residential, upgrading of cultural and historical heritage and improvement of roads, utilities, telecommunications, etc.) in the municipality of Lorca (Region of Murcia), following the May 11th 2011 earthquake.		
EIA:	Required	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Not required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This is a multi-scheme Framework Loan, and some of the schemes may require EIA.

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

The actions included in this operation concern the reconstruction of infrastructure in the Spanish town of Lorca that was damaged by the earthquake on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May 2011. The Bank's funds are to be made available to restore normal living and working conditions in this area, allowing for the reconstruction and repair of buildings (residential, educational and cultural heritage) and roads.

Given the relative small size of the individual schemes, most of the schemes are deemed not to have significant measurable environmental impacts. The reconstruction works are expected to have some minor negative impacts during the implementation period, such as noise and dust emissions from transports and works. It is deemed that the reconstruction works, once completed, will not increase the environmental load. It could be expected that some reconstructed buildings will have a higher environmental performance than those destroyed during the earthquake. It can also be expected that such buildings will have improved energy efficiency and the use of modern building material should decrease the overall environmental impact.

No negative social impacts are foreseen, on the contrary it is expected that the social impacts of the project will be overall positive. The everyday life for the inhabitants and associated social relations and routines are since May 2011 gravely disrupted. Of special significance are the effects on the commercial activity on neighbouring towns and village, since Lorca was the focal point of the area. The project aims to normalise that by providing access to reconstructed and safe houses, schools and other public buildings, as well as essential transport links.

The overall net environmental and social impact of the Lorca Earthquake Reconstruction is positive, with improved environment and in particular social conditions for the inhabitants of Lorca.

### Environmental and Social Assessment

### **Environmental & Social Impact and Mitigation**

This is a major multi-scheme Framework Loan. It is not likely that any scheme will require an EIA, as reconstruction works of existing urban infrastructure are not normally falling under the EU EIA Directive. Should any scheme financed by this operation fall under Annex I or Annex II of the EIA Directive 85/337/EEC, amended by Directives 97/11/EC and 2003/35/EC, the Promoter will be required to act according to the provisions of the relevant EU Directives related to impacts on environment.

Should an EIA be required for any scheme, the Promoter shall make the Non-Technical Summary of the EIA available to the public through publication on its website. In addition, as for reporting to the EIB, for schemes with project cost below EUR 25 m, the competent authority shall make a declaration based on a list of schemes as to whether an EIA is required or not. For schemes exceeding EUR 25 m and requiring an EIA, the Non-Technical Summary of the EIA shall be submitted to the Bank before EIB funds can be disbursed by the promoter to the schemes concerned.

Moreover, for schemes with a negative effect on conservation sites, a specific certificate has to be signed by the competent authority and submitted to the Bank individually. At the appraisal stage no affected Natura 2000 sites have been detected. The closest site La Torrecilla (ES6200047) is located immediately west to the city of Lorca and clearly outside the city boundary. There is a second protected site, Sierra de La Tercia (ES6200023) which is located 2-3 km northeast of the city boundary.

Based on the presumption of legality, it is expected that the responsible authorities will duly uphold and observe all relevant provisions of the EU Social Acquis, as they apply to this particular operation and are regulated by their corresponding transposition into Spanish legislation.