# **Environmental and Social Data Sheet**

#### Overview

Project Name: RADOM MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE II

Project Number: 2015-0690 Country: Poland

Project Description: Co-financing of small and mid-sized investment schemes in

the City of Radom as part of the City's development plan.

EIA required: Some schemes likely to require an EIA under Annex II of the

EIA Directive.

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise: No

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

75% of the investments concerns urban roads and facilities for public transport and vulnerable road users, the remaining 25% urban regeneration and revitalisation, including thermomodernisation in public buildings. The schemes are part of the City's Development Strategy 2008-2020, Road Development Plan for 2011-2020, and Programme for Environmental Protection, which has been subject to an SEA (27.01.2014).

Schemes submitted for allocation might require an EIA under Annex II of Directive 2011/92/EU including public participation, and/or have impacts on Natura 2000 sites or protected species outside these. The Promoter is required to act according to the provisions of the Habitats and Birds Directives and verify the compliance of each scheme with the relevant and applicable rules of the EU directives. The Promoter shall not commit the Bank's funds to any specific scheme until environmental consent has been issued by the competent authority. The NTS of EIAs and Environmental Decisions, including formulations similar to Form A/B, will be received and checked at allocation stage. The Promoter shall maintain the relevant documents updated and ready for submission to the Bank upon request.

Eight small schemes below 5m EUR allocated during appraisal have according to the City's environmental department been screened and do not require and EIA and none were found to have impacts on Natura 2000 sites. The Promoter shall keep the relevant documentation verifying the compliance with environmental legislation and provide it to the Bank on request.

The institutional capacity of the Promoter to manage the environmental and social issues is deemed to be good, and the Project is acceptable to the Bank from an environmental and social standpoint, subject to the above requirements.

# **Environmental and Social Assessment**

# General compliance with environmental legislation

The Promoter - the City of Radom - is obliged to follow EU and national legislation on the environmental impact of projects. This includes the SEA Directive 2001/42/EC, the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC, the Birds Directive 2009/147/EC, and the national Regulation of the Council of Ministers of 9 November 2010 on projects likely to have significant impacts on the environment (published in the Official Gazette U. 2016, position 71), which is fully compliant with EU legislation. The Promoter is expected to apply the legislation on all schemes submitted for allocation. The compliance with EU legislation is also included in the project undertakings and will be verified at allocation stage.

## Competent authority

The competent authority for environmental assessments is the Regional Director for Environmental Protection in the Mazovian Region. For any scheme with a significant or likely effect on the environment, the responsible entity in the City, with support from the Department

of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, prepares an environmental information sheet and submits it to the competent authority for initial assessment. This includes a 3-week public consultation. The competent authority then takes a decision whether an EIA is required or not, sets out the scope for the EIA, and eventually approves the completed EIA and issues the Environmental Decision. The Mayor of the City Radom is responsible for smaller projects falling outside Annex I and II of Directive 2011/92/EU with no need for EIA and no impacts on habitats.

# Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

The City has prepared a 'Programme for Environmental Protection of the city of Radom for the years 2013-2016 and 2017-2020' (Resolution 638/2013, 09.12.2013) for which an SEA has been prepared (Resolution No. 670/2014, 27.01.2014). Public consultations were carried out from 7-29th September 2013 and included 41 schemes, which are part of the City's Development Strategy 2008-2020. The SEA is presently under revision and an undertaking has been included to ensure that the updated version is submitted to the Bank immediately when available. Moreover, the City has prepared and SEA for the City's 'Road Development Plan for 2011-2020', which includes the road schemes presented during appraisal.

#### **Environmental requirements and issues**

Form A/B is integrated in the Environmental Decision for schemes, detailing compensatory measures in compliance with the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC. The Environmental Decision will be required ex-ante before allocation of schemes above EUR 25m and ex-post for schemes below. The Promoter shall ensure compliance with the EU Habitats and Birds Directives for schemes below EUR 5m with no potential or likely effect on conservation sites, obtain the required permits from the competent authority, and sent them to the Bank on request only. There are two Natura 2000 areas in the vicinity of the City's North-Eastern perimeter: A Habitats and Birds Directive site in the Kozienicki Park (PLH220030 and PLB220004). Some schemes submitted for allocation could potentially be located within 1 km of these. Protected species outside protected sites could also be affected. The Promoter shall before allocation provide the Bank with the NTS of the EIA where relevant. Any other issues related to Natura 2000 and protected species will also be checked at allocation stage.

Flooding is not considered a major issue in the area and climate adaption measures are generally integrated in the planning, design and operation of all infrastructure projects.

#### **Social Assessment**

The schemes are generally expected to bring positive social benefits through improved public facilities and physical environment for the citizens. Minor land acquisition will be required for some schemes but with no involuntary resettlement involved.

# **Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement**

Public engagement and consultations are integrated in all strategic and spatial planning in the City. The City conducts 21 day public consultations during EIA processes as prescribed by the Regulation of the Council of Ministers of 9 November 2010.

## Other Environmental and Social Aspects

One of the foreseen road schemes will remove a bottleneck in the ring road East of Radom. This may reduce traffic on existing roads through the Natura 2000 area in the Kozienicki Park.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The institutional capacity, procedures and experience of the Promoter to manage environmental and social issues is deemed to be good, and the operation is acceptable for EIB financing from an environmental and social standpoint.

No project conditions are required. The requirements to environmental and social matters are included in the project undertakings and will be verified at allocation stage. An undertaking has also been included regarding the NTS of the updated SEA.