

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

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| Project Name:        | KOMMUNALINFRASTRUKTUR BRANDENBURG   |
| Project Number:      | 2015-0787   |
| Country:             | Germany   |
| Project Description: | The proposed Framework Loan (The Project) will consist in the co-financing of Federal State of Brandenburg's Grant Scheme Programme supporting public beneficiaries for the implementation of urban infrastructure and sustainable urban transport projects. The Federal State ( <i>Land</i> ) Investment Bank of Brandenburg will be responsible for the coordination of the Grant Scheme Programme. |
| EIA required:        | This is a multiple-scheme operation. Some of the schemes are likely to fall under Annex II of the EIA Directive and may be screened in.   |

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise<sup>1</sup>: no

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

Relevant EU Directives have been transposed into the national legislation (EIA Directive, Birds and Habitat Directive, Energy Performance of Buildings Directive). The investments to be financed under the operation have to comply with high environmental standards and will significantly contribute to the improvement of the urban environment.

The operation comprises multi-sector investments under the Grant Scheme Programme which has 4 priorities: i) strengthening educational infrastructure, ii) improving public transport, iii) increasing the capacity for fire protection and iv) promoting sports and recreational investments. The EIB Loan will mainly support the investments in educational infrastructure and public transport. Any environmental effects such as disturbances during civil work constructions should be mitigated by appropriate measures. Once the works are completed, it is generally expected that the overall net environmental impact will be positive.

The potential schemes to be financed will be part of urban/regional development plans/strategies as well as other sector strategies that are subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).

#### Biodiversity Issues

Since the schemes in this operation are expected to be located in the urban territory, it is expected that no protected sites, including Natura 2000 will be affected by any of the schemes in the operation. However, should any scheme have any significant impact on a protected site, the Competent Authority has to provide evidence of the compliance with the Habitats (92/43/EEC) and Birds (2009/147/EC) Directives (Form A/B or equivalent) before the Bank funds are allocated.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 CO<sub>2</sub>e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tons CO<sub>2</sub>e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

### **Social Assessment**

No separate social impact assessment has been carried out however it is generally deemed that the overall social impacts of the framework loan are positive, with improved quality of life for the inhabitants of Brandenburg Region. Given the nature of the schemes, stakeholder engagement is expected in order to utilise small scale municipal infrastructure driven by the need to improve public services.

### **Climate Change**

The Project is expected to contribute to climate change mitigation through investments in improvement of public transport.

### **Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement**

The Grant Scheme Programme is in line with the regional and urban development plans and other sector strategies which are subject to public consultation processes prior to their adoption.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The Project is a multi-sector framework loan. Given the relative small size of the individual schemes and the nature of the sectors concerned, most of the schemes are deemed not to have significant environmental impacts. Should any scheme under this framework loan fall under Annex II and be “screened in” by the Competent Authority, the Promoter shall deliver the NTS of EIAs to the Bank, if applicable, before the Bank funds are allocated.

The overall environmental and social impact of the framework loan is expected to be positive, with improved environment and quality of life for the citizens. The institutional capacity of the Promoter to manage the environmental and social issues is deemed good and therefore, subject to the conditions described above, the Project is acceptable for the Bank in environmental and social terms.