

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	ETZ HOSPITAL
Project Number:	2016-0737
Country:	Netherlands
Project Description:	The purpose of the project is to reorganise and rationalise the service delivery of ETZ hospital, recently established as a result of the merger of two existing hospitals located in the Tilburg area. The main components of the investment plan are the rehabilitation and modernisation of existing facilities and the development of a new electronic patient file.

EIA required: no

Environmental and Social Assessment

The project finances rehabilitation and reconfiguration of existing facilities of the ETZ hospital to consolidate 12 key specialities on either one of the main hospital sites. A further component is the development and implementation of new IT tools (electronic patient file) to better serve the clients as well as to improve operational efficiency of the hospital. Hospitals are not specifically mentioned in the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU, though the project is covered by Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development. All the works are executed within existing hospital facilities and the Promoter has confirmed that none of the works require an EIA. In case a building permit for a sub-project of the works is needed, the environmental issues are addressed as required by the relevant Dutch legislation.

The Promoter has committed to the Green Quest initiative to reduce both fossil fuel consumption and waste production before the end of 2020 by 20%. Approximately 7% of the investment cost dedicated for the renovations will be used to improve energy efficiency measures of the hospital. The Promoter has confirmed that development and implementation of the patient file is done in compliance with the EU's regulation 2016/679/EU on data protection.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Overall, the replacement or modernisation of the outdated buildings will improve hygiene and safety conditions and will allow the promoter to apply better stringent statutory and technical conditions. Due to the use of new materials and technologies modernised buildings will increase the overall energy efficiency. By enabling better cooperation among the various bodies within the hospital, the project will allow the introduction of better and more cost effective methods for medical treatment, and includes beneficial elements in terms of social cohesion and protection. In light of the above, the overall environmental and social rating of the project is considered acceptable.