

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	WROCLAW URBAN DEVELOPMENT
Project Number:	2017-0080
Country:	Poland
Project Description:	The project is a Structural Programme Loan (SPL) to support the City's Development Strategy alongside ESIF grant funding. The potential list of SPL allocations include small and medium size municipal schemes in addition to three large and one medium size urban transport schemes. The sectors concerned will primarily include urban transport (extension of tram network and urban road network) with some investments in social health, education, culture, sports and other public infrastructure schemes. The final beneficiaries will be municipal authorities, public transport and road users, and residents.
EIA required:	Some schemes likely to require an EIA under Annex II of the EIA Directive
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	To be determined

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project consists of a Framework Loan with 69 individual schemes identified at appraisal stage. The schemes are part of the City's investment plan. Most of the schemes (83% of the investments by value) are aimed at improving mobility (e.g. urban roads, cycling facilities, public transport investments - a new tram line shared with public buses, and park-and-ride); 12% concern social facilities; and the remaining 5% are investments in education facilities.

Due to the value of the investments in the public transport facilities and a number of cycling facilities, about 32% of the project (by value) is expected to contribute to the Climate Action. These programs are part of the city's development strategy (Strategy - Wrocław 2030), which was adopted by Resolution No. LI / 1193/18. City Council of Wrocław of February 15, 2018. This strategy has been subjected to a strategic environmental impact assessment, during which a public consultation was conducted in Summer of 2017.

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.

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The Promoter - the City of Wrocław - 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 amended by Directive 2014/52/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.

Schemes submitted for allocation may fall under Annex II of Directive 2011/92/EU amended by Directive 2014/52/EU, and may therefore require an EIA including public participation. In addition, the schemes may have impacts on Natura 2000 sites or protected species outside the project area. The Promoter is required to verify the compliance of each scheme with the relevant and applicable rules of the EU directives, including the provisions of the Habitats and Birds Directives. The Bank's Services will verify the compliance prior to allocation.

The competent authority decides whether a decision on environmental conditions is required, including an EIA and the scope of the EIA. In the case of projects requiring public participation, the competent authority shall publicly disclose the proceedings being conducted regarding the issue of a decision on environmental conditions, enabling members of public to read the case file and submit motions and comments, indicating the 30-day deadline for submitting them. The competent authority issues environmental issues after completing the environmental impact assessment procedure.

The Promoter shall not commit the Bank's funds to any scheme that requires an EIA or biodiversity assessment according to EU and National law without receiving consent from the competent authority. The NTS of EIAs and Environmental Decisions, including formulations similar to Form A/B, will have to be sent by the Promoter to the Bank prior to allocation of the scheme to the project, for the banks review and approval. The Promoter shall maintain the relevant documents updated and ready for submission to the Bank upon request.

The Promoter has indicated that about 20% of the tentative schemes (~12 out of 68) have undergone some assessment resulting in either a screening out decision or requiring an EIA. The Promoter has also indicated that none of the schemes are expected to have an impact on a Natura 2000 site, given the urban environment in which the schemes are located. The Bank will still require updated information from the Promoter for each scheme prior to allocation.

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. The Bank has completed a similar operation with the Promoter (WROCLAW MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE II) and the Promoter's performance with regard to the environment is thus well known to the Bank.

Social Assessment

During appraisal, no social issues were identified, as most schemes will primarily improve existing infrastructure or buildings. However, this aspect will be verified per scheme when they are submitted to the Bank for allocation to the project.

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Other Environmental Aspects

Some of the proposed schemes on the framework loan will improve the thermal insulation of public buildings. This should result in a reduction of energy requirements for these buildings.

Furthermore, some schemes will improve the attractiveness of public transport in Wroclaw and improve the road safety

Conclusions and Recommendations

An overall positive impact on the environment is expected with the implementation of the project.

The institutional capacity, procedures and experience of the Promoter to manage environmental and social issues is deemed to be good.

Prior to allocation of each scheme to the project, the Promoter needs to fulfil the following conditions:

- The Promoter is required to confirm for every scheme that it does not require an EIA according to EU Directives or the applicable national law, and if it does, the Promoter will have to submit to the Bank the EIA and the non-technical summary of the EIA to the Banks satisfaction.
- For any schemes affecting Natura 2000 areas, the Promoter is required to provide the Bank with documentary evidence that the requirements of the Habitat and Birds Directive have been fulfilled. The Promoter will have to provide the respective Form A or B (or equivalent) duly signed by the competent environmental authority. The Promoter will have to confirm compliance with all obligations regarding impact of these schemes on Natura 2000 sites.

In addition, the Promoter should undertake to:

- Ensure that, for sub-projects requiring and EIA, the Non-Technical Summaries of EIAs are made available to the public.
- Keep available updated relevant documents, such as documents supporting compliance with EU environmental Directives, to be promptly provided to the Bank upon request (with reference to the commitment in the EIB's public disclosure policy on responses to external enquiries).

Under these conditions above, the project is acceptable for Bank financing.