

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	HIGHER EDUCATION AND INNOVATION INFRASTRUCTURE
Project Number:	2016-0956
Country:	Hungary
Project Description:	The project supports modernisation and improvement of research and learning spaces as well as refurbishment of dormitories of two state-funded universities: 1) University of Physical Education and 2) University of Pécs.
EIA required:	Certain sub-projects could be subject to an EIA. If required by the competent authority, the Promoter shall make the Environmental Impact Study/Statement (EIS) or a screening decision available to the EIB.

Environmental and Social Assessment

The project concerns funding of various investments necessary to upgrade and modernise two university campuses in Hungary. The main components of the project are rationalisation of the campus infrastructure of the University of Pécs currently operating on more than 50 different sites and construction of a new campus for University of Physical Education to assist the university to upgrade their facilities to respond the current and future requirements for sport science and physical education. Universities and Scientific institutions of this kind are not specifically mentioned in the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU (if applicable, as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU), though the project is covered by Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development. If any of these subprojects requires an EIA, the Promoter shall make the Environmental Impact Study/Statement (EIS) available to the EIB. One of the campus sites, the Velence site of the University of Physical education included in the project, is located adjacent to Natura 2000 site. However, according to the Promoter the planned works on site will not affect to the Natura 2000 area. This has been confirmed by the competent authority.

In respect to Energy Performance the individual projects are expected to meet the relevant requirements as defined by the EU directives and in national legislation. Due to other on-going financial initiatives related to Energy Efficiency, it is anticipated that the projects included in this operation provide limited provision related to climate action. However, the final impact of the project related to Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy measures will be verified during the monitoring stage of the project.

Once completed, the promoter shall make the Energy Performance certificate for each building available to the EIB.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The project is anticipated to cover construction works in an urban area within or close to the existing facilities. With sufficient control and monitoring measures in place, no significant impact is expected on the environment.

Overall, the project aims at improving the quality and adequacy of learning and research facilities as well as living conditions of students. In the light of the above, the overall



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environmental and social rating of the project is therefore considered acceptable for financing by the Bank.

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