

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	Isala Hospital
Project Number:	2017-0509
Country:	Netherlands
Project Description:	The project supports the development plan of the ISALA Hospital, a regional hospital network with five locations in Zwolle, Kampen, Steenwijk, Meppel and Heerde. The main components of the investment plan are the rehabilitation and modernization of existing hospital in Zwolle, the upgrade of the network's management information system (including the development of a new electronic medical records system), replacement investments in ICT and medical equipment and the construction of a new hospital in Meppel.
EIA required:	Certain sub-projects could be subject to an EIA. If required by the competent authority, the Promoter shall make the full EIA document available to the EIB as a condition of disbursement.
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

The project supports the development plan of Isala and it consists of: the rehabilitation and modernisation of existing hospital in Zwolle (including upgrading and replacement of the medical equipment), construction and equipping of a new general community hospital in Meppel and the upgrade of the network's management information system (including the development of a new electronic medical records system).

Hospitals and related facilities are not specifically mentioned in the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by 2014/52/EU on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), though the project is covered by Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development.

The current project concerns, among others, the construction of new hospital on a green field site in Meppel. The plot is within the influence area of the River Reed (Meppel), and a hydrological impact assessment is required. According to the promoter, a revision of the zoning plan (including environmental permissions) is being prepared in close consultation with the municipality. Subsequent to the revision of the zoning plan, Isala will apply for a building

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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permit (*omgevingsvergunning*) for the new construction. That request will be submitted as soon as the design has been finalised.

In regards to the Zwolle site, the project concerns mostly renovations of existing buildings which should be all covered by existing land use plans and therefore the promoter does not expect that an EIA will be required for this subproject.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Overall, the modernisation of existing buildings as well as the construction of new facilities will improve hygiene and safety conditions. Due to the use of new materials and technologies, the new and modernised buildings will increase the overall energy efficiency. By enabling a better cooperation among the various bodies within the hospital, the project will enable the introduction of better and more cost effective methods for medical treatment and includes beneficial elements in terms of social cohesion and protection.

Due to the proximity with the River Reed (Meppel) the promoter is required to perform a hydrological impact assessment that will ensure the conservation of hydrological structure of the area.

Disbursement condition:

For each disbursement until the promoter has provided a copy of the development consent and either the EIA screening out decision by the Competent Authority or a copy of the full EIA document for the new hospital building in Meppel, the promoter shall provide evidence to the satisfaction of the Bank that no expenditure has been made for the new construction works related to the new hospital building in Meppel.

Undertaking:

The promoter undertakes to submit to the Bank the Environmental Impact Assessment as per Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by 2014/52/EU, for any capital investments of the project requiring an EIA.

In light of the above, the overall environmental and social rating of the project is therefore considered acceptable.

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