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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	National Children Hospital - Dublin
Project Number:	2014-0107
Country:	Ireland
Project Description:	The project involves the construction of the National Children's Hospital and two Paediatric Outpatient and Urgent Care Centres in Dublin leading to modernisation and consolidation of the paediatric tertiary hospital care in Ireland.
EIA required:	yes
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

The project supports the new construction of an extensive new hospital building on the St James's hospital site close to the centre of Dublin. The foreseen construction works will all be carried out on the existing site of the St James's hospital campus in an already urbanised area. Although hospitals are not specifically mentioned in the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU, the project is covered by Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development and an EIA is mandatory according to Irish legislation. An EIA was carried out by the competent authority (An Bord Pleanála) as part of the approval process under the Planning and Development Act (reference 29N.PA0043 - 10 August 2015). The relevant planning & building permits have been issued within this process.

Environmental issues have been considered above the minimum legal requirements and the promoter is aiming for an external certification in respect to environmental standards for the construction and operation ("BREEAM excellent").

Conclusions and Recommendations

As the project covers works within an existing hospital campus, no significant impact is expected on the environment. The project will be verified by an independent external certifier and the promoter is aiming for high environmental standards during construction and operation. Overall the replacement or modernisation of the outdated buildings will improve hygiene and safety conditions and will allow the promoter to apply better and more stringent statutory and technical conditions. Further positive impact will be expected through the use of more efficient technical installations and materials whose environmental acceptance has been tested and verified.

In light of the above, the overall environmental and social rating of the project is therefore considered acceptable for the Bank's financing.

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