

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	ELDERLY CARE INVESTMENT IN PORTUGAL
Project Number:	2018-0273
Country:	Portugal
Project Description:	Social economy investment programme to refurbish and upgrade support infrastructure for long-term and elderly care throughout Portugal.
EIA required:	to be confirmed
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>1</sup> :	no

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

The proposed framework loan will improve the availability of, and access to, long-term care and elderly care services throughout Portugal by financing the new construction, refurbishment and/or extension of long-term care infrastructure and supporting facilities in different locations. This project consists of a framework of approximately 148 projects.

The works aim to meet several needs such as electrical and mechanical installations upgrade to current regulations, functional improvements and construction of new facilities or extensions to provide additional capacity to the existing centres, as well as renovation and extraordinary maintenance of existing buildings.

The rehabilitation of existing buildings generally results in an improvement of the energy efficiency of the buildings. Since the number, size and quality of these improvements are unknown at this stage, it is not possible to quantify exactly the actual savings.

The works will take place in the existing facilities and given the relatively small scale, location and nature of the works, the Promoter does not expect any of the interventions to have any significant environmental impacts. Long term care facilities are not specifically mentioned in the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU, though the project falls under Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development, leaving it at the discretion of the responsible competent authorities to request an EIA on the basis of the location and scale of the works concerned. Should the competent environmental authority require an EIA, the Bank will obligate the promoter to provide a copy of the whole EIA document and this will be included as a condition for funding those affected interventions.

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<sup>1</sup> Only projects that meet the scope of the Carbon Footprint Exercise, as defined in the EIB Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: 20,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

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## **Other Environmental and Social Aspects**

The project is expected to have positive social impacts through the improvement of elderly and long-term care services environment. Most of the projects proposed in the pipeline are located in rural areas; therefore, the programme will increase availability of elderly care in rural areas. Further, the project will improve the safety and structural resilience of many long-term care facilities that will improve the functionality of the buildings and upgrade the centres to current regulations.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

As the project covers construction works within, or close to, consolidated urban areas, no significant impact is expected on the environment.

The Bank will ask for a copy of any EIA documents required by the relevant competent authorities as a condition for disbursement.

The rehabilitation and extension of the outdated facilities will increase the energy efficiency of the existing buildings.

The project will improve the delivery of care within e.g. elderly population and other people in need of care affecting thousands of people in the designated regions in Portugal and includes beneficial elements in terms of social cohesion and protection. As such, the project presents high potential health and social benefits for the society. In light of the above, the project is considered acceptable for financing by the Bank.