

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	North Estonia Medical Centre
Project Number:	2018-0867
Country:	Estonia
Project Description:	The project concerns the extension and rehabilitation of the North Estonian Medical Centre (Põhja-Eesti Regionaalhaigla) in Tallinn under the investment programme 2018-2023.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>1</sup> :	no

### Environmental and Social Assessment

The project supports the extension and rehabilitation of campus of the North Estonia Medical Centre with a new building for the diagnostics and treatment, as well as the construction of a new psychiatric hospital building linked to the same campus. The promoter confirmed that the foreseen construction works will all be carried out next to the existing site in an area that is covered by an existing urban development plan.

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 might be covered by Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development. Considering the type of the project, its location and size no EIA has been requested by the Competent Authority, under the national legislation.

The services are currently scattered around various buildings and the Psychiatric clinic alone is currently housed in 21 separate buildings. By consolidating all services in new facilities, the overall footprint of buildings used by the promoter will be reduced by about 14,600m<sup>2</sup>. Consequently and even considering higher standards in respect to ventilation and heating, it is expected that the consumption of energy will be reduced by at least 16%.

### Conclusions and Recommendations

Overall, the replacement of the outdated building will improve hygiene and safety conditions and will allow the promoter to apply higher technical standards.

Due to the reduced footprint, the use of new materials and technologies, the new and rehabilitated buildings will increase the overall energy efficiency. By enabling a better coordination between the different departments of 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 protection.

In light of the above, the project is considered acceptable for EIB financing.