Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name: HOCHSCHULGEBAUDE BRANDENBURG

Project Number: 2015-0506 Country: Germany

Project Description: Modernisation, construction and rehabilitation of buildings

located at public universities and universities of applied

sciences in the Federal State of Brandenburg, Germany

EIA required: nο Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise: no

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment, including key issues and overall conclusion and recommendation

Universities and scientific institutions of this kind are not specifically mentioned in the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, though the project is covered by Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development. The actual project concerns the construction as well as modernisation and rehabilitation of several buildings for the public universities and university of applied sciences. The project comprises 19 individual components at 7 different highereducation institutions in 5 cities throughout the region. 4 of these components are the construction of new buildings while the remaining 15 projects cover the rehabilitation, modernisation and extension of existing facilities.

The promoter confirmed that all construction works will be executed on an existing campus or closely linked to the existing university buildings. All projects are fully covered by an approved land use plan which can only be set up with a public consultation and the approval of the competent authority. None of the project components requires an environmental impact assessment as per the national Land Use and Building Act that is aligned with the Directive 2011/92/EU.

In particular, the replacement and rehabilitation of the existing buildings will improve hygiene and safety conditions and will allow the promoter to apply stringent statutory and technical conditions. With respect to energy consumption, the new and rehabilitated buildings will be designed to significantly higher standards compared to the current situation. In light of the above, the overall environmental and social rating of the project is therefore considered acceptable with minor negative residual impacts and therefore the project eligible for the Bank's financing.

Environmental and Social Assessment

As the project covers construction works in an urban area within or close to the existing facilities, no significant impact is expected on the environment. The project aims at improving the quality of the overall estate as well as the energy efficiency and to ensure a safe operation of various university buildings.

The replacement and rehabilitation of the existing buildings will improve hygiene and safety conditions and will allow the promoter to apply more stringent statutory and technical conditions. With respect to energy consumption, the improvement of the energy performance of the existing buildings is an integral part of the project and the rehabilitated buildings will be designed to significantly higher standards compared to the current situation.