

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE (HU)
Project Number:	2015-0372
Country:	Hungary
Project Description:	Construction, expansion, modernization and refurbishment of public education and kindergarten facilities in Hungary
EIA required:	to be assessed
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no

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

The operation concerns the funding of projects necessary to upgrade and modernise the pre-school and primary school infrastructure in Hungary. The development of new sport facilities is a significant component of the programme. The works aim to meet several needs such as construction of new classrooms, sport halls and training swimming pools as well as refurbishment and extraordinary maintenance of existing building. It is expected that the works will affect about 350 Municipalities all over the Hungarian regions.

Though school buildings are not explicitly mentioned in any of the Annexes of the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, the projects fall under Annex II in respect to urban development. However, given the nature of the framework loan and the proposed schemes, it is not expected that there will be any significant impact on the environment or that EIAs will be necessary. The Bank's services will verify during implementation whether an EIA is requested for any of the projects by the Competent Authority.

Due to the construction works, the Programme is expected to have a limited impact on the environment while the rehabilitation of existing buildings will significantly increase the energy efficiency of the existing facilities.

Overall, the project is considered as acceptable for the Bank's financing as regards environmental considerations.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

Construction Works are regulated by a National Law harmonised with European directives in terms of Environment. Every construction must receive the approval from the Local Building Authority. In respect to the necessity of an EIA, the promoter reports that the local competent authority assesses the need prior to release the building permit. At present no EIA need is envisaged.

There may be temporary nuisance due to construction and rehabilitation works (noise, dust) which will be mitigated through the appropriate site organisation and construction management.

In respect to energy performance, the design of the new buildings is carried out to achieve A+ (Classrooms and Gymnasium) or A (training pools) rating what is above the minimum national requirement by 20 %.

Social Assessment

The works will comply with occupational health and safety standards. Land acquisition shall be completed over the project implementation period. The project does not involve forced resettlement.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement, where required

Public consultation and stakeholder engagement are integral phase of the processes used for the development of all new building projects. The local Municipalities are always involved in the design process in order to address local specific needs.

The Promoter ensures compliance with national and European environmental and nature regulations and facilitates the access by the public to environmentally relevant information in accordance with the Bank's Transparency Policy.