

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	PRIVATE MEDICAL NETWORK EXPANSION IN ROMANIA
Project Number:	2016-0483
Country:	Romania
Project Description:	Financing the private healthcare provider Regina Maria to upgrade and expand its network of private outpatient and inpatient facilities outside the capital city.
EIA required:	Certain sub-projects could be subject to an EIA. If required by the competent authority, the Promoter shall make the Non-Technical Summary (NTS) available to the EIB.
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

Health facilities are not specifically mentioned in the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended, though the project is covered by Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development. The environmental issues are handled when requesting a building permit for the individual project. In most cases, these will be simple assessments at the local county level and performed by the developer. If required by the competent authority, the Promoter shall make the Non-Technical Summary (NTS) available to the EIB. In respect to energy performance, the new and rehabilitated buildings will have to meet at least the relevant national targets on energy efficiency.

Social Assessment, where applicable

It is expected that the project will have positive social benefits as healthcare is an element of social cohesion. The new investments would lead to the creation of new jobs, which would provide employment opportunities for doctors, nurses and other professionals in regions outside the capital city of Romania. In these regions the employment opportunities are scarce, particularly in the health sector, dominated by the public facilities. This would offset the increasing trend of young doctors having to leave the country due to the lack of suitable employment alternatives. In line and above the (Romanian health) sector indicators, it is estimated that at the end of the development period (2020), the women will represent approximately 80% of the entire staff, with middle and senior management aiming at a similar indicator.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Benefits are expected to arise from the projects contribution to the overall health sector strategy in Romania, expanding appropriately configured infrastructure focusing on the outpatient sector and reducing the burden on the hospitals and public sector. The new and rehabilitated facilities increase and improve the outpatient and inpatient capacity and thus help to respond to the evolving demographic and epidemiological needs of the population. In light of the above, the overall environmental and social rating of the project is therefore considered acceptable for financing by the Bank.