

 Early Warning System

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NYIREGYHAZA WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM UPGRADES



Quick Facts

Countries	Hungary
Specific Location	Municipality of Nyíregyháza
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2025-07-09
Borrower	Municipality of Nyíregyháza - Nyírségvíz (Nyíregyháza Waterworks)
Sectors	Infrastructure, Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 202.64 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 409.07 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the project consists of upgrading of the water supply, sewerage and stormwater management infrastructure in the Municipality of Nyíregyháza.

The project aims at upgrading and expanding the water supply, sanitation, reuse and storm water management infrastructure in order to allow the municipality to cater for the growing demand by new industrial clients as well as its increasing population.

The investments are planned to cater for several needs. The additional water demand generated by new industrial companies settling in the city as well as the resulting population increase within the city and the surrounding settlements require the expansion of the existing water supply and wastewater infrastructure. This includes the expansion of water supply and wastewater networks, as well as construction of a surface water treatment plant, a wastewater treatment plant and a wastewater reuse plant. The latter is to exclusively serve industrial clients. Investments in the stormwater management system will also be undertaken to significantly increase its retention storage capacity.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

According to the Environmental and Social Data Sheet, the project is an investment programme made up of multiple components. To date, only the wastewater management component, including the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant, a reuse water treatment plant and a reuse water transmission pipeline, required a full EIA report whose approval decision was granted in August 2024. The EIA procedure was required due to the size of the planned facilities. No Natura 2000 sites were impacted.

The EIA concluded that during both the construction and operational phase, the expected short and long-term negative impacts concerning elements such as air, surface and subsurface waters, soil and waste management, noise and vibrations are not significant and thus were accepted as minor. The EIA decision recommended a range of mitigation measures to be applied. These include but are not limited to preparing relocation plans for areas where protected species may be identified (only 3 minor land parcels may be affected), avoidance of using non-indigenous plants during restoration of areas impacted by the construction, minimising disturbance to water streams during pipe-jacking operations and professional supervision of all plantations work.

According to the screening decision of the competent authority, the construction of the new surface water treatment plant at Paszab (adjacent to river Tisza) and the associated water transmission line to Nyíregyháza, requires an EIA, mainly due to the impact of the planned surface water intake structures on the following nature protected areas, including Natura 2000.

- HUHN20001 Felső-Tisza kiemelt jelentőségű természetmegőrzési terület
- HUHN10008 Felső-Tisza különleges madárvédelmi terület.

Given that the project is located within a water stressed area with a Low-Medium Physical Quantity rating and sensitive sub-surface water resources, it is important that compliance with the Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC is ensured.

Negative impacts to the environment are assessed only as minor ones. During construction, temporary impacts on the environment such as noise and dust may occur.



Investment Description

- European Investment Bank (EIB)



Private Actors Description

Nyírségvíz (Nyíregyháza Waterworks) is the municipal water utility responsible for providing water and wastewater services within Nyíregyháza and surrounding settlements.



Contact Information

No contacts available at the time of disclosure.

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