

Public

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	Italy Sustainable Urban Mobility Programme Loan
Project Number:	2020-0124
Country:	Italy
Project Description:	Programme Loan aiming to co-finance investments for sustainable urban public transport in small to medium Italian cities, promoted by municipalities and transport operators and targeting clean vehicles and the related infrastructure.
EIA required:	yes
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

The operation consists of a Programme Loan (PL) to support investments in sustainable urban and suburban public transport carried out by both Italian municipalities and urban public transport operators in small- to medium-sized Italian urban areas.

The Programme Loan is a Bank's internal procedure by mean of which the EIB's Board of Directors delegate to the Management Committee the power to approve loans for a selection of projects responding to certain criteria.

Each project to be financed under the PL will be therefore subject to the normal due diligence of the Bank's Services and a specific Environmental and Social Data Sheet will be prepared during the appraisal of each sub-operation.

Eligible schemes under the PL may include:

- investments in the renewal of bus fleets for urban and suburban public transport which are in line with both the revised Clean Vehicle Directive (CVD) and the criteria set up by the work carried out by the European Union's Technical Expert Group on Sustainable Finance (TEG). For the purpose of the PL, the Bank will privilege zero-emission buses and the related charging infrastructure and therefore exclude vehicles powered by fossil fuels, even if allowed by the revised CVD, at least until the approval of the new EIB Group's Climate Bank Roadmap 2021-2025 by the EIB's Board of Directors. After its approval, buses powered by fossil fuels may become eligible under the PL if allowed by the new EIB Group's Climate Bank Roadmap 2021-2025 and if the new fleet meets the threshold set by the TEG in terms of GHG emissions (carbon intensity ≤ 50 gCO₂eq per passenger*kilometre);
- investments in mass transit schemes for urban and suburban public transport which may be eligible under the Call, encompassing in particular new trolleybus, tram and metro lines, including both the vehicle and the infrastructure components.

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Environmental Assessment

An environmental assessment will be carried out for each project to be financed under the PL during the appraisal of each sub-operation.

The manufacturing of rolling stock and the instalment of the associated charging infrastructure inside existing depots do not fall within the scope of the Directive 2014/52/EU amending the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU. Therefore, no EIA will be required for this type of schemes. However, during the appraisal of each sub-operation, the Bank's Services will assess if the Seveso Directive (2012/18/EU) may be applicable, depending on the type of alternative fuel and related storage.

In case the project's scope should include infrastructure components for mass transit schemes, such as metro, trams and trolleybuses, including depots, the Bank's Services will assess their compliance with the requirements of Directive 2014/52/EU, amending the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, since such type of works fall under Annex II of this Directive.

In addition, during the appraisal of each sub-operation, the Bank's Services will assess the project's impacts in relation to the provisions of the Habitats and Birds Directives (92/43/EEC and 2009/147/EC respectively) and, when applicable, the project's compliance with the SEA Directive 2001/42/EC when part of a statutory programme or a plan.

Finally, in case of fleet renewals, the Bank's Services will assess promoters' arrangements for the scrapping of retired rolling stock.

In general terms, projects to be financed under the PL are expected to have positive permanent impacts on the environment, with particular reference to the reduction in key transport externalities, such as GHG emissions, air and noise pollution as well as an improvement in road safety. In case of civil works during construction, temporary negative impacts during construction are likely to occur and to be mitigated by promoters in line with the provisions of the European and national legislation on the environment and standard construction good practice.

For the purpose of the annual accounting of the EIB Carbon Footprint, the GHG emissions of projects to be financed under the PL will be assessed during the appraisal of each sub-operation and will be prorated according to the EIB lending amount signed in that year, as a proportion of the project cost.

Social Assessment

The Projects to be financed under the PL are not expected to have major negative social impacts. Social aspects will be assessed during the appraisal of each sub-operation.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

The Bank's Services will assess during the appraisal of each sub-operation if projects to be financed under the PL meet the EIB's standard in terms of public consultation and stakeholder engagement, with particular reference to the involvement of the public during both the EIA and the SEA, when applicable.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Projects to be financed under the PL are not expected to have major negative environmental or social impacts. On the contrary, they are likely to have permanent positive effects on both dimensions. In any case, the Bank's Services will assess during the appraisal of each sub-operation if projects to be financed under the PL meet the EIB's environmental and social standards and the relevant European legislation.

As the appraisal of a PL does not result in the signature of a specific Finance Contract, there are no recommendations in terms of specific signature and disbursement conditions or undertakings for the PL. As a general principle, these will be defined for each project to be financed under the PL as the outcome of the Services' due diligence for each sub-operation.