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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	UKRAINE PUBLIC SECTOR DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION
Project Number:	2021-0150
Country:	UKRAINE
Project Description:	The framework loan supports investment in digital transformation of a number of key ministries and administrations in Ukraine.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The framework loan concerns a selected number of digital governance projects that are in line with Ukraine's digital strategy. The projects will support the digital transformation of Ukrainian Ministries and different units of State Administration with a strong focus on cybersecurity, and contribute to the continuation and upgrade of the existing digital infrastructure. It entails digitalization of existing paper based processes, automation of information access and development of on-line services, implementation of data archiving systems and the deployment of related computing infrastructures.

If located within the EU, these activities would not fall under Annexes I and II of the EU Directive 2014/52/EU amending the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU. Moreover, the activities will be carried out in existing facilities already authorised that will not change their scope due to the project.

In addition, the framework loan includes sub-projects that directly helps decreasing GHG emissions by reducing paper usage, citizens' travels to public administrations and inter-organisations travels.

The scope of the framework loan is fully aligned with the Paris Agreement on climate change according to the Bank's definition (Annex 2 Table H of EIB's climate bank roadmap - CBR).

¹ Only projects that meet the scope of the Carbon Footprint Exercise, as defined in the EIB Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: 20 000 tonnes CO₂e/year absolute (gross) or 20 000 tonnes CO₂e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.



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Conclusions and Recommendations

As it is generally the case for digital transformation projects in the public sector, the overall anticipated environmental and social impacts of the operation are deemed positive.

Ukraine aims at digitizing its public services in order to develop a paperless economy, while strengthening its resilience against corruption.

Considering all of the above, the project is acceptable for EIB financing from an environmental and social point of view.