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# **Environmental and Social Data Sheet**

## **Overview**

Project Name: KRANKENHAUSINVESTITIONSPROGRAMM KABEG

Project Number: 20220126 Country: Austria

Project Description: Modernisation, rehabilitation and consolidation of five public

hospitals in Carinthia, the southernmost state in Austria.

EIA required: no Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise<sup>1</sup>: no

### **Environmental and Social Assessment**

The project supports the infrastructure and organisational development programme for five public hospitals in Carinthia, the southernmost state in Austria. Hospitals are not specifically listed in the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by 2014/52/EU on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), though the project is covered by Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development. The foreseen construction works will all be carried out within or close to an existing hospital in an area that is covered by an existing urban development plan. The relevant building permits are still pending but considering the size, location and extent of the foreseen construction, the promoter does not expect that an EIA will be requested for any of the subprojects.

When applicable, the new and rehabilitated buildings will be designed and certified according to the Austrian certification system "klimaaktiv". This certification system defines standards for a sustainable built environment which are well above the minimum legally required standards and the buildings require significantly less primary energy than legally required.

#### **Climate Assessment**

The Climate Risk has been assessed to be low. The project will be implemented in line with the current Austrian and international norms and regulations. These building norms as well as the underlying land use plans are considering potential implications due to climate change.

# **EIB Paris Alignment for Counterparties (PATH) Framework**

The Promoter is in scope but screened out of the PATH framework as it does not operate in a high-emitting sector and is not considered as a highly vulnerable counterpart.

### **Social Assessment**

The project does not have any significant negative social impacts, as the promoter is expected to carry out its activities in compliance with applicable Austrian labour and social standards.

### **Conclusions and Recommendations**

Overall, the new and rehabilitated buildings will improve care conditions and will allow the patients to live in facilities better adapted to their individual needs. By providing a better

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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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configuration of the buildings, the project will enable the introduction of better and more costeffective methods for care and includes beneficial elements in terms of social cohesion and protection.

The Finance Contract will include an undertaking that the promoter should provide the EIB with documents supporting the execution of an EIA procedure in case a full Environmental Impact Assessment is requested for any of the construction sites.

Sustainability proofing conclusion: the project is carried out in compliance with applicable national and EU environmental and social legislation. Based on the environment, climate and social (ECS) information and based on the review of the likely significant ECS risks and impacts and the mitigation measures and management systems in place, the project is deemed to have low residual ECS risks and impacts. No further sustainability proofing is required. Therefore, the project is considered acceptable in environmental and social terms for the Bank's financing.