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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	<i>EU FUNDS CO-FINANCING 2021-2027 (PL)</i>
Project Number:	<i>2022-0626</i>
Country:	<i>Poland</i>
Project Description:	Co-financing with EU Funds of priority investments in the Republic of Poland in 2021-2027 programming period.
EIA required:	yes
	The Project is a multi-scheme Structural Programme Loan (a type of Framework Loan); some individual underlying schemes may require an EIA.
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The Project will support priority multi-sector investments included in selected Operational Programmes (OPs) of Poland for the 2021-2027 programming period, under the Polish Partnership Agreement 2021-2027. OPs supported under this project are: Smart Economy (FENG); Digital Development (FERC); Social Development (FERS); Eastern Poland (FEPW); and Infrastructure, Climate, Environment (FEnIKS) – Priority I & II “Energy and Environment”.

The share of planned investments should reach 38% in Research development and innovation investments, made up largely of grants for businesses, 20% in Integrated territorial development, 13% in Energy, 9% in Education, and smaller investment shares in Natural resource use, management and protection, SMEs, Health and Transport.

The SEA reports of the OPs FENG, FEPW and FEnIKS contain the assessment of the expected environmental effects arising from the implementation of the OP, as well as measures envisaged to prevent or reduce any possible negative effects on the environment. No SEA was deemed necessary for the OPs FERC and FERS.

All schemes must be implemented in compliance with the EU and national environmental legislation.

In accordance with Article 73 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060², all planned investments falling within the scope of the EIA Directive will be subject to an environmental impact assessment or

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.

² Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the



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a screening procedure and due consideration will be given to the assessment of alternative solutions based on the requirements laid down in that Directive.

The Project has been assessed for Paris alignment and is considered to be aligned with both low carbon and resilience goals against the policies set out in the Climate Bank Roadmap (Annex 2) and/or associated guidance and other relevant documents.

The DNSH (“Do no significant harm”) principle is applied under the Project at the level of the individual OPs, as set out in the horizontal principles in the Polish Partnership Agreement 2021-2027.

Finally, the funded activities are consistent with the national and regional adaptation strategies and other climate policy documents related to transport, environment/biodiversity, public health, etc.

Social Assessment, where applicable

The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the United Nations Convention on Persons with Disabilities have been applied over all successive phases of programming OPs and in setting up the management structure. They shall also be applied during implementation – project selection, award, and in the monitoring and control functions. In addition, the investment schemes supported under all specific objectives of the OPs shall comply with the principles of gender equality, inclusion and non-discrimination.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

The SEAs of the OPs and the Partnership Agreement as well EIAs of the relevant underlying schemes are subject to the public consultations in line with the SEA Directive and the EIA Directive, as transposed into national law.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The following undertakings will be required for this Project:

The Promoter will be required to act according to the provisions of the relevant EU Directives, including SEA Directive (2001/42/EC), EIA Directive (2014/52/EU amending 2011/92/EU), Habitats (92/43/EEC) and Birds (2009/147/EC) Directives and Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC), and with the national legislation. For schemes in relation to which a screening or appropriate assessment of impacts on Natura 2000 sites is carried out are assessed in view of site-specific conservation objectives.

- In case a scheme of costs of over EUR 25m requires an EIA or an appropriate assessment or equivalent, the Promoter shall submit prior to allocation of the Bank’s funds the full EIA report or appropriate assessment to the Bank.
- For schemes subject to screening/appropriate assessment, the promoter will inform the Bank about any changes/updates to the conclusions of the screening/ appropriate assessment, in view of the site-specific conservation objectives, as defined by the competent authority and reflected in their decision.

Taking into account the contractual undertakings associated with the Project, as well as the capacity of the Promoter and the systems in place to manage environmental and social impacts and risks, the Project is acceptable for the Bank’s financing in environmental and social terms.