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## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	JELENIA GORA SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
Project Number:	2023-0720
Country:	POLAND
Project Description:	Framework Loan to co-finance multi-sector urban infrastructure schemes in the city of Jelenia Gora, a sub-operation under the Silesia Sustainable Development Programme Loan (2021-0206).
EIA required:	Multi-scheme and multi-sector Framework Loan operation. Some underlying schemes may require an EIA assessment under annex II of the EIA Directive.

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise<sup>1</sup>: No

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

The project covers urban development, regeneration and renewal including new construction, refurbishment, and upgrade of urban infrastructure, comprising public infrastructure (education facilities, senior homes, sport facilities, municipal housing), open public spaces, parks and green areas, Energy Efficiency (EE) investments and sustainable mobility infrastructure (soft mobility for bicycles and pedestrians, public transport and modernisation of urban roads including road safety and climate measures), and Renewable Energy (RE) schemes.

The schemes covered by this project are aligned with the key priorities of Jelenia Gora Development Strategy. In addition, the project supports the implementation of the City Climate Adaptation Plan.

At the time of appraisal, no schemes required an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) under Annex II of the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU amending the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU.

All schemes are expected to be located in urbanised areas and not impacting any Natura 2000 or other protected zones.

During construction, the main impacts are expected to be related to construction disruptions due to traffic alteration, noise, vibration, and dust. These acceptable impacts are expected to be short-lived and reversible. They are expected to be addressed through environmental management and monitoring plans.

Finally, the project has been assessed for Paris alignment and it is deemed aligned in terms of low carbon, and resilience goals, as set out in the EIB Climate Bank Roadmap. Moreover, the

<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 CO<sub>2</sub>e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.



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Project contributes to EIB Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability (CA&ES) objectives. It includes green areas and parks which contribute to climate adaptation and environmental sustainability, energy efficiency upgrades in public buildings, renewable energy installations such as photovoltaic panels, as well as sustainable mobility schemes, contributing to climate mitigation. Lastly, some schemes will aim at preserving and increasing the biodiversity in urban parks. Therefore, an increased resilience of the city to climate change and an overall improved quality of residents' life is expected with the project implementation.

### **Social Assessment**

The schemes covered by this project follow the objectives of the City Development Strategy for 2014-2025 (and its subsequent version for the decade 2024-2034) which aims for more integrated, sustainable, and inclusive planning. Some investments will contribute to the creation of senior complex daily stay homes, social welfare houses, and the construction of municipal housing and intergenerational housing. Therefore, the project's overall social benefit is expected to be positive resulting from the implementation of individual schemes with a high social and economic impact given their potential to provide better quality infrastructure and services, and more liveable and socially inclusive neighbourhoods. Wider social-economic benefits may be expected such as induced investment, employment effects and productivity impacts resulting from the improvement of public infrastructure and services.

### **Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement**

Individual investments form part of urban development strategies and plans for which public consultation was carried out.

### **Other Environmental and Social Aspects**

Based on the due diligence process and the multiple exchanges with the city of Jelenia Gora, the institutional capacity of the promoter to manage and monitor the environmental and social risks is deemed adequate.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The municipality of Jelenia Gora is an experienced and capable promoter able to manage the environmental and social issues of the investments included in this project. The overall environmental and social benefits of the project are expected to be very good, with improved environment and quality of life for people. Furthermore, the project is expected to contribute to climate action through mitigation and adaptation measures that will be incorporated in the project designs. When applicable, the promoter shall be requested to deliver to the Bank, and before the Bank funds will be allocated, the evidence of social and environmental compliance with the applicable EU Directives. Upon Bank's request, the promoter may be requested to provide selected Energy Performance Certificates (EPC) obtained in line with the EU Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) and the national legislation.

Given the nature of the operation and subject to the conditions stated above, the project is acceptable for the Bank in environmental and social terms.