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### **Public**

# Environmental and Social Data Sheet<sup>1</sup>

## **Overview**

Project Name: UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW

Project Number: 2023-0288
Country: Poland

Project Description: Various investments aimed at renovation and upgrade of teaching

and research infrastructure as well as student houses.

EIA required: no

Invest EU sustainability proofing required yes
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise<sup>2</sup>: no

(details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")

### **Environmental and Social Assessment**

#### **Environmental Assessment**

The Project supports selected investments in tertiary educational infrastructure of University of Warsaw. The Project comprises of renovation of the existing facilities and construction of new ones. Universities and research facilities of this kind are not specifically mentioned in the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU, though Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development covers the Project. The building comprise in the Project are under the threshold and do not require an EIA.

### **Climate Assessment**

The Promoter has followed a design approach that addresses the identified risks and vulnerabilities apparent at the components' location. The design will also include measures to counter the effects of increasing temperatures through use of higher performing insulation materials as well as reducing water consumption through the installation of low flow sanitary devices. The buildings will be designed to be a nearly zero energy building (NZEB) and certain components will have renewable energy apparatus. The new building will include many passive design measures in an attempt to reduce significantly its primary energy consumption. Moreover, the design of one new building intends to exceed the NZEB reference building within current Polish building regulations and reduce primary energy consumption potentially by more

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The information contained in the document reflects the requirement related to the environmental, social and climate information to be provided to Investment Committee as required by the Invest EU Regulation and it represents the equivalent of the information required in the template of the InvestEU sustainability proofing summary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</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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than 10%. A copy of the energy model and on completion a copy of the energy performance certificate will be requested by the EIB.

The Project has been assessed for Paris alignment and is considered to be aligned both against low carbon and resilience goals against the policies set out in the Climate Bank Roadmap.

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

The counterparty University of Warsaw in scope and screened out of the PATH framework, because it is not considered high emitting sector.

### **Social Assessment**

The Project does not have any significant negative social impacts. The Project is a key part of improving the university's academic and research infrastructure by providing modern learning, working and housing environments for their students and staff.

In addition, the Project is expected to generate positive social impacts through improved knowledge production and dissemination through the outputs of the research activity of the university with more opportunities for collaboration with commercial and industrial partners.

# **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The Project concerns renovations and new constructions of buildings withing the real estate park of University of Warsaw, Poland. The Promoter possesses the appropriate experience and governance systems to deliver the Project in accordance with national and European legislation.

The Promoter will be required to provide the following information:

- Copies of building permits;
- Copies of the energy assessment prior to construction;
- Evidence of the completed air-tightness test and either evidence of managing the quality of construction or completion of a thermal integrity test;
- Copies of the energy performance certificate upon completion of works.

Sustainability proofing conclusion: The Project is carried out in compliance with applicable national and EU environmental and social legislation. Based on the environmental, climate and

social information and based on the review of the likely significant environmental, climate and social risks and impacts and the mitigation measures and management systems in place, the Project is deemed to have low residual environmental, climate and social risks and impacts. No further sustainability proofing is therefore required.

In the light of the above, the Project is acceptable for the Bank's financing in environmental, climate and social terms.