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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	Radom Municipal Infrastructure III
Project Number:	2024-0186
Country:	Poland
Project Description:	The Framework Loan (FL) will support the multi-sector investment plan of the City of Radom in Poland, as well as the implementation of its urban development and climate adaptation strategies.
EIA required:	This is a multi-scheme Framework Loan operation. Some of the schemes may require an EIA under Annex II (“screened in”) of the EIA Directive.
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The Project covers upgrading and (re)construction of urban infrastructure including green areas and open public spaces, sustainable urban mobility (intelligent transport systems, electric busses, public transport infrastructure, pedestrian and bicycle paths etc.), renovation and (re)construction of public buildings (kindergartens, cultural facilities, municipal health and social care centres, etc.), as well as municipal social housing. It also includes Energy Efficiency (EE) measures and cyber security investments.

The schemes covered by this Project mirror the key priorities of the Radom’s urban development strategy – Radom 2030. In addition, the Project supports the implementation of the climate change adaptation strategy of the City.

Some of the Project’s underlying investments may fall under Annex II of the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by the Directive 2014/52/EU, requiring or not a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) based on the competent authority screening on the basis of the related Annex III criteria. At the time of appraisal, the Promoter confirmed that all the schemes are expected to be located in urbanised areas not impacting Natura 2000 or protected sites.

During construction, the main Project’s impacts are expected to be related to disruptions because of traffic, noise, vibration, and dust. These impacts are expected to be short-lived and reversible.

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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The Project has been assessed for Paris Alignment and it is deemed aligned both, against low carbon and resilience goals, as set out in the EIB Climate Bank Roadmap. Investments will be eligible for EIB financing only if they are aligned with the Paris Agreement.

Finally, the Project contributes to the climate action and the environmental sustainability objectives of the Bank. It includes sustainable mobility schemes, and EE measures in public buildings, which contribute to climate mitigation. It also includes sustainable green areas and parks, which contribute to climate adaptation and environmental sustainability. Therefore, it is expected that, during operation, this Project will have positive effect on environment, the resilience of the city to climate change and, overall, the quality of life of its residents.

Social Assessment

The schemes covered by this Project reflect the objectives of the Radom 2030 strategy, which applies integrated, sustainable, and inclusive planning principles. Supported urban investments aim at provision of the vital infrastructure and services to inhabitants of the city, including Ukrainian refugees, predominantly women, children and elderly people, fleeing the war struck homeland and settling down in Radom.

As a result, Project's overall social benefit is expected to be positive. Furthermore, 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

The individual investments are expected to form part of urban development strategies and plans for which public consultation is carried out.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

Based on the due diligence process and the previous implementation and monitoring experience with Radom, the institutional capacity of the promoter to manage and monitor the environmental and social issues is deemed good.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The City of Radom is an experienced and capable promoter deemed able to manage the environmental and social issues of 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 living and visiting the city, including refugees from Ukraine, predominantly women, children, and elderly people. Furthermore, the Project is expected to contribute to climate action through mitigation and adaptation measures that will be incorporated in the implemented schemes.

In projects where applicable, upon the Bank's request, the Promoter will be requested to deliver to the Bank and before the Bank funds are allocated, the EIA report.



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For schemes falling under the Water Framework Directive (WFD), the Promoter will be requested to provide evidence of the compliance with the WFD before the Bank funds are allocated.

Upon the Bank's request, the Promoter will be requested to provide selected energy performance certificates obtained during implementation or after completion of works in line with the applicable national and EU legislation on the energy performance of buildings.

Therefore, 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.