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## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

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| Project Name:  | KIELCE URBAN DEVELOPMENT II  |
| Project Number:  | 2022-0014  |
| Country:   | Poland   |
| Project Description:   | The Framework Loan (FL) will support the multi-sector investment plan of the City of Kielce 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 <sup>1</sup> : | no   |

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

The Project covers upgrading and (re)construction of urban infrastructure including green areas and public open spaces, public buildings (technology incubator, educational, cultural, and emergency services facilities etc.), sports and recreational facilities, sustainable mobility schemes (public transport infrastructure, electric busses, pedestrian and bicycle paths etc.), modernization of urban roads including investments in road safety, energy efficiency (EE) investments, as well as some IT schemes.

The schemes covered by this Project mirror the key priorities of the City of Kielce’s urban development strategy – “Kielce 2030+ towards smart city”. 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, potentially requiring an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) based on the competent authority screening on the basis of the related Annex III criteria. Furthermore, some schemes may be located in areas inside or near Natura 2000 or other protected zones.

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.

<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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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 public 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 Kielce Urban Development 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.

Project's overall social benefit is expected to be positive. Furthermore, wider social-economic benefits may be expected such as induced investment, positive 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 Kielce, the institutional capacity of the promoter to manage and monitor the environmental and social issues is deemed good.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The City of Kielce 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 and the evidence of the compliance with the Habitats and Birds Directives.



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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.