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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	MULTIFUNCTIONAL LIBRARY PAROMLIN
Project Number:	2024-0624
Country:	Croatia
Project Description:	The Project is to revitalize brownfield area (former steam mill and railway warehouse) in the city centre and to create new multifunctional public library as a cultural centre.
EIA required:	No
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	No

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The Project is a major allocation (Large Scheme) under the Operation 2023-0136 Zagreb Sustainable Urban Infrastructure FL which supports the implementation of the investment programme of the City of Zagreb in Croatia. The Project will contribute to the implementation of the City's Development Strategy.

The main objective of the Project is to revitalize brownfield area (former steam mill and railway warehouse) in the city centre and to create a new multifunctional public library as a cultural centre.

There is a strong strategic framework behind the Project including "The National Plan for the Development of Culture" at national level, "Development Strategy of the Urban Agglomeration of Zagreb" at regional level and "The Development Plan for the City of Zagreb" at local level.

The Project falls under Annex II of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive. An EIA screening was done in 2023 and the Project was screened out. Furthermore, given the urban nature of the project, there are no Natura 2000 or other protected areas nearby.

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.

The Project has been assessed for Paris Alignment and it is deemed aligned both, with low carbon and resilience goals, as set out in the EIB Climate Bank Roadmap. The Project is expected to contribute to climate action through mitigation and adaptation measures.

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.

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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Social Assessment

Project's overall social benefit is expected to be positive. Upgraded infrastructure will increase the attractiveness of the city centre as a business location and as a tourist destination and have a positive effect on growth and job creation. 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 library will serve for educational events and awareness raising activities. Library will have very rich spectrum of books and periodicals open for the public use.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

The Project is part of urban development strategies and plans for which public consultation has been carried out.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

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

Conclusions and Recommendations

The City of Zagreb 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. Furthermore, the Project is expected to contribute to climate action through mitigation and adaptation measures.

Upon the Bank's request, the Promoter will 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, the Project is acceptable for the Bank in environmental and social terms.