

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	COLOGNE TRADE FAIR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2021
Project Number:	2016-0206
Country:	Germany
Project Description:	The project concerns the financing of an investment programme in the years 2015-2021 to upgrade and modernise the city's trade fair and exhibition centre, Koelnmesse, which is located in the inner city of Cologne.
EIA required:	No
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	No

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project concerns the venue of the Cologne trade fair and exhibition centre. The venue is located in the inner city along the East side of the Rhine in a major urban development area.

The project takes the broader urban development plans into account and is an important part of it. Existing buildings will be upgraded, the use of the trade fair complex will be intensified by additional buildings and consequently attracting more visitors. The construction of multi-storey car parking will improve accessibility. At the same time, the direct connection of the car park to the motorway system and a new logistic system will reduce traffic in inner-city areas.

Due to the investments concerning the upgrading of existing facilities an EIA was not required.

Social Assessment

Although no separate social impact assessment has been carried out, it is deemed that the overall social impact of the project will be positive given that it will result in the rehabilitation and upgrading of a very large complex in an urban development area.



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Climate Change

The project includes energy efficiency measures for existing buildings (e.g. new insulation, connection to the district heating system, installation of a gas-fired, heat-driven cogeneration plant) which are expected to save around 4,040 tonnes/year of CO₂ emission.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

Project preparation was accompanied by extensive involvement of stakeholders and the public - together with the City of Cologne.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Relevant EU Directives have been transposed into national legislation (EIA Directive, Birds and Habitats Directive, Energy Performance of Buildings Directive). As regards energy performance of residential buildings, relevant parts to the project of the EU Directive on Energy Performance of Buildings (EPBD) (Directive 2010/31/EU) have been implemented into national legislation (EnEV 2014). Where applicable, Energy Performance Certificates will be issued after completion.

Any environmental effects such as disturbances during civil work constructions should be mitigated by appropriate measures.

In conclusion, the project is in line with the Bank's environmental and social criteria. Therefore, subject to the conditions mentioned above, the project is considered to be acceptable for Bank financing in environmental and social terms.