

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	AZ SINT LUCAS HOSPITAL GENT
Project Number:	2016-0504
Country:	Belgium
Project Description:	The rehabilitation and extension of the hospital campus AZ Sint-Lucas in the city of Ghent.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

The project comprises the extension of the main campus of St Lucas Hospital in Ghent, with three new buildings to transfer all services from the nearby site of the former Volkskliniek to the main facility.

Hospitals are not specifically mentioned in the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU, though the project is covered by Annex II of the Directive in relation to the establishment of land use and urban development plans.

In respect to the actual project, the two sites of the St Lucas Hospital Campus are covered by an urban development plan which has been revised in 2009 and 2010. This plan has been revised with the explicit aim to consolidate all hospital activities on the site of the main facility and to convert the former site of Volkskliniek for residential use. The actual project enables the promoter to implement this plan and the relevant construction permits have been issued without requesting an EIA through the Component Authority.

### Conclusions and Recommendations

The project will enable the promoter to consolidate all services in one facility and free the site of an obsolete hospital complex for a different use. Due to the reduced footprint of the overall site, the use of new materials and technologies and modern layout, the project will increase the overall energy efficiency, free space in a condensed quarter of the city and enable the promoter to improve hygiene and safety conditions in the new and rehabilitated facilities.

In light of the above, the project is considered acceptable for the Bank's financing.