

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	Tampere Education Infrastructure
Project Number:	2017-0257
Country:	Finland
Project Description:	The project consists of investments in education infrastructure in the City of Tampere during the period 2017-2022. It comprises both construction of new infrastructure and the renovation, refurbishment or extension of existing facilities.
EIA required:	Certain sub-projects could be subject to an EIA. If required by the competent authority, the Promoter shall make the Environmental Impact Study/Statement (EIS) available to the EIB.
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

The project comprises of 28 sub-projects including rehabilitation, modernisation and construction of ten day-care centres, 17 primary and secondary schools as well as one sport facility in the city of Tampere. Schools and related facilities are not specifically mentioned in the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by 2014/52/EU on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), though the project is covered by Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development. All the projects are located in an urban area and are fully covered by an approved land use plan which can be only set up with a public consultation and the approval of the competent authority. One of the sub-projects is located adjacent to the area of a habitat of Siberian flying squirrel (included in the Annex IV(a) of the Habitats directive). According to the Promoter a full survey of the breeding and resting sites of the flying squirrel was conducted during the planning process in line with the requirements of Habitats Directive to eliminate possible negative impacts to habitat.

Although many of the project plans include different type of environmental studies, the Promoter confirms that so far all the individual projects that have received the relevant building permit did not require an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) as per the national Land Use and Building Act that is aligned with the Directive 2011/92/EU. However, since the building permits for some of the individual projects are still pending, it remains possible that some of them could be screened in. If any of the remaining subprojects requires an EIA, the Promoter shall make the relevant documentation available to the EIB.

#### Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The city of Tampere has committed to be part of the national energy efficiency agreement (Energiatehokkuussopimus), which is an initiative supporting Finland to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and improve energy efficiency as required by the energy efficiency directive (EED). The city has committed to further improve the energy efficiency by 7,5% when compared to the statutory targets during the programming period.

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In order to reach this target, the Promoter has confirmed that all the new construction projects will comply with the national draft regulation of NZEB, whereas rehabilitation projects include variety of energy efficiency measures including upgrading of MEP systems, changing of windows to more energy efficient ones and increase of insulation where appropriate. Thus the project also supports the Bank's climate action targets.

Once completed, the promoter shall make the Energy Performance certificate for each school available to the EIB.

### **Conclusions and Recommendations**

As the project covers construction works in an urban area within or close to the existing facilities, no significant impact is expected on the environment. The project aims at improving the quality of the overall estate including improvement on energy efficiency. In the light of the above, the overall environmental and social rating of the project is therefore considered acceptable for financing by the Bank.

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