

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	COLLECTIVITES VS COVID 19 ALSACE
Project Number:	2020-0757
Country:	France
Project Description:	The project comprises new construction, reconstruction, extension and renovation of lower secondary schools and cultural sites used by secondary students in the new super department of Alsace. The project is supporting the departmental investment plan for education, which aims to improve the energy performance and climate resilience of school and educational buildings.
EIA required:	To be determined
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project is a framework loan operation dedicated to investments in education, sports and education related infrastructure owned and maintained by the newly formed *Collectivité européenne d'Alsace* (formerly the départements of Haut-Rhin and Bas-Rhin). Some of the schemes may fall under Annex II of the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU and have to be screened by the competent authority.

The project is expected to comprise small to medium-sized schemes largely renovation based interventions but may also include new construction, reconstruction and extensions of existing facilities on existing sites. All schemes are expected to be located within the urban areas of the merged départements. The promoter provided an indicative list of schemes and has confirmed that none of the proposed sites are subject to an EIA nor located on Natura 2000 sites. Should any further requirement for an EIA or other environmental assessment including permits for listed buildings arise at the time of allocation during the implementation period, the promoter will be required to provide the Bank with a copy of the related environmental documents for review prior to the allocation stage and publication where appropriate

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The new Collectivité has in place a joint strategy for the development and maintenance of its school building stock including the improvement of their energy performance and internal environment. Moreover, the Energy Transition Plan for the combined départements seeks by

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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2030 to reduce energy consumption in département controlled buildings by 40%. Furthermore, 50% of the energy needs for the same buildings aims to be produced using renewable energy by the same date. This project is supporting the merged départements multi-annual investment programme to achieve these strategic objectives that places a strong emphasis on increasing renewable energy production on their school sites, creating new positive energy school buildings and reducing the energy consumption through renovation works in other school buildings. The promoter is seeking to have its new schools certified as BEPOS (*Bâtiment Énergie Positif*) and renovate other school buildings to the requirement of the *Bâtiment Basse Consommation* (BBC); the Bank shall request the Promoter to provide a copy of any certificates achieved on completion. As part of the Climate Plan for the Alsace area, the project will support the vision to reduce CO₂ emissions by 40% by 2030 and be carbon neutral by 2050. Thus, the project will support investments to achieve these objectives whilst at the same time making improvements to the internal learning and working environment for the students and staff alike. Once the buildings are completed, the promoter shall provide copies to the EIB of the Energy Performance Certificates (EPC) or equivalent.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The project aims at improving the quality of the education and other education related municipal infrastructure serving the needs of the students and local communities in the merged départements. It is expected that the project will increase the quality of the building stock as well as improve their climate resilience and energy performance. The institutional capacity of the promoter to manage the environmental and social issues and the procedures concerning the EIA screening and protection of natural areas put in place by the competent authorities are deemed satisfactory.

Given the nature of the operation, the promoter's capacity, capability and procedures as well as the conditions mentioned above concerning provision of EIA and other environment documentation available to the EIB where and when deemed necessary, the project is acceptable for EIB financing in environmental and social terms.