

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	<i>COLLECTIVITES VS COVID 19 LE NORD</i>
Project Number:	<i>2020-0762</i>
Country:	<i>France</i>
Project Description:	The project comprises new construction, reconstruction, extension and renovation of lower secondary schools and cultural sites used by secondary students in the department of Nord in France. 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. The project equally includes eligible costs concerning the measures put in place by the department in the context of the health emergency linked to the COVID-19 pandemic.
EIA required:	To be determined
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>1</sup> :	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 Département du Nord. The project may also finance COVID-19 related expenditure to ameliorate the sanitary conditions because of the crisis in the département-controlled infrastructure. 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 département. 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

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<sup>1</sup> 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 CO<sub>2</sub>e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

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The Département du Nord has in place a programme called “*Nord Durable*” or Sustainable North”. This programme sets out the département’s pursuit of objectives that will improve their building stock, notably their education infrastructure covered by this project. The *Nord Durable* programme places a strong emphasis on increased resilience towards climate change risks, reducing energy consumption, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, reducing waste, increasing renewable energy generation and using sustainable sources and circular economy principles for their materials during construction and operation. The département is determined to be carbon net zero by 2040 and aiming to be zero waste. The promoter is also using the HQE green building certificate scheme to assist them; copies of any HQE certificates achieved shall be provided to the Bank on completion. 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 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 département. 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.