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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name: *E-SCHOOL (SPL-20140375)*
Project Number: *2021-0461*
Country: *Croatia*
Project Description: *This project is the national rollout of the E-School programme. It comprises investments to enhance the digital infrastructure of Croatian primary and secondary public schools nationwide, develop digital content for teaching and learning and strengthen the digital skills of teachers and school leaders.*

EIA required: no

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise¹: no

(details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project comprises investment in the installation, upgrading and/or renewing of ICT infrastructure in existing Croatian school buildings including servers, routers and cabling. Furthermore, the project also includes the purchase of ICT equipment, computers, laptops and interactive learning tools, and provide training to teachers.

School investment projects of this type, equipment upgrades and modernisation, do not fall under either Annex I or Annex II of the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU. The project has also been screened out for an EIA by the competent authority.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The project is expected to generate positive social impacts through the modernisation of digital infrastructure and increasing access to digital content for learning and thereby strengthening digital skills for both students and teachers.

With the project being implemented in all of Croatia's public schools, the project will support the country's social cohesion strategy and aims to further encourage female participation in STEM subjects where girls have tended to be less attracted to technological subjects.

Conclusions and Recommendations

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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In the light of the above, the project is acceptable for EIB financing in E&S terms.