

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name: PROGRAMME EDUCATION COLLECTIVITES 2  
Project Number: 2021-0464  
Country: France  
Project Description: The projects comprised in the program loan concern the construction, extension, renovation and rehabilitation of pre-primary, primary, lower secondary and upper secondary schools in seven local authorities (collectivités territoriales) in France. Each project will be appraised separately.

EIA required: to be determined

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise<sup>1</sup>: no

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

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

The different projects to be included in this program have not yet been identified. These operations will be the subject of separate appraisals, with their corresponding technical factsheets on environmental and social aspects for each of the beneficiary authorities.

The program includes new construction, extension, renovation and rehabilitation of pre-primary, primary, lower secondary and upper secondary schools. Schools 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 might be covered by Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development. During the appraisal of each of the projects under this programme loan, it will be verified whether an environmental impact assessment is required by the local authorities concerned. In case an EIA is required, the Bank will request the Promoter to inform the Bank's services and provide the Environmental Impact Assessment for publication.

Promoters are required to comply with the regulatory frameworks, in particular that relating to energy efficiency standards. The project will reduce the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by increasing energy performance of the education estate and hence the project is partly contributing to the transversal Climate Action Mitigation objective of the EIB.

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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 projects will be selected to be consistent with the Paris Agreement pathways towards low-carbon and climate-resilient development, and alignment with the policies set out in the Climate Bank Roadmap 2021-2025.

### **Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement**

The Promoters will be required to ensure compliance with national and European environmental and natural regulations and facilitate public access to environmentally relevant information in accordance with the Bank's transparency policy.

### **Other Environmental and Social Aspects**

Historic buildings

To be checked during project appraisal.

Natura 2000

To be checked during project appraisal.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The program aims at improving the quality of the education infrastructure, adapting it to changes in the pedagogy and local demand. The Promoters under this operation are the public authorities with ownership of the schools, responsible for their operation. It is expected that the projects will increase the quality of the building stock as well as improve their climate resilience and energy performance. The Bank shall request the Promoters to provide a copy of the energy studies for each project at the permitting stage as well as copies of the Energy Performance Certificates (EPC) or equivalent at the construction completion stage.

The requirement for an EIA will be decided by competent authorities for each project on a case-by-case basis. In case an EIA or other environmental related study is requested by the Competent Authority, the Promoter shall make the relevant documentation available to the EIB.

With the proposed conditions and eligibility criteria in place, the project is acceptable for EIB financing in environmental and social terms.