

European Investment Bank (EIB)

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## **Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)**

## **Overview**

Project Name: Optimisation énergétique bâtiments publics FL

Project Number: 2012-0006 Country: France

Project Description: This Framework Loan co-financed energy refurbishment of existing public buildings and the construction of new ones in France. The investments made considerable energy efficiency improvements of the building envelope and the heating systems, the use of renewable energies embedded in buildings, and public lighting refurbishment. The co-financing was channelled to the final beneficiary (e.g. public authorities) through three selected Financial Intermediaries.

## **Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion**

EIB notes the following Environmental and Social performance and key outcomes at Project Completion.

This operation intended to bring environmental benefits by supporting relatively small projects that reduce energy consumption, increase the use of renewable energies and help to mitigate climate change. Given the scale, location, and nature of the sub-projects in built-up urban areas, an EIA, as defined under the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU and as amended by the Directive 2014/52/EU, was not required. No potential negative impacts of these building refurbishments and new construction on nature conservation sites were reported and the competent authorities asked no such assessments, which is being justified due to the fact that the projects are placed in built-up urban areas.

The operation supported the improvement of the energy performance of public buildings in France and the construction of new ones fulfilling the demanding French thermal building regulation. Energy consumption for heating purposes in the buildings targeted by this project has been reduced, as well as the use of renewable energies increased. Temporary nuisance due to construction works (dust, noise) were mitigated through appropriate site organisation and construction management. The cumulated impact of the co-financed sub-projects has generated significant environmental benefits in terms of reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.