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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name: *EDUCATION BRETAGNE*
 Project Number: *2022-0907*
 Country: *France*
 Project Description: *The project involves the construction, extension, renovation and refurbishment of secondary schools in the Bretagne region of France. The project is scheduled for completion between 2023 and 2028.*

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

This Project is a multi-component investment loan comprising the new construction, reconstruction and/or renovation of upper secondary schools as well as social, cultural or sporting infrastructure in support of modernising the buildings and improving energy performance in the Bretagne region of France.

School and education buildings of this kind are not specifically listed in the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU amended by Directive 2014/52/EU, though the Project is covered by Annex II in relation to urban development. In France, individual projects are subject to screening if they meet a particular threshold in terms of their size. None of the project components is above the threshold.

The new buildings will be designed and built to meet French energy performance standards for new construction and reconstruction, namely the Réglementation Énergétique 2020 (RE2020) and for renovations, Réglementation Thermique 2012 (RT2012). In general, meeting these regulations is considered to exceed the French nearly zero energy buildings (NZEB) standards by more than 10% thus demonstrating a substantial contribution to climate action mitigation. The designs of the project components are planned to include some passive and active design measures such as the installation of the best available energy-efficient technologies, onsite renewable energy apparatus and enhancements to the building fabric and façades. The EIB will require the Promoter to provide a copy of the building permits for the new or reconstructed buildings as well as a copy of the design stage energy performance assessment, audit or equivalent. Most of the buildings being renovated are seeking energy efficiency improvements, so the EIB will require the Promoter to provide copies of the energy performance certificate (diagnostic de performance énergétique or DPE) or equivalent for all new, reconstructed and renovated buildings on completion.

The Project does not affect any Natura 2000 sites and no appropriate assessment is required.

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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The Project has been assessed for Paris alignment and is considered to be aligned both against low carbon and resilience goals against the policies set out in the Climate Bank Roadmap see Annex 2, Table D: Buildings.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The Project will provide modern education, socio-cultural and sporting facilities to enhance the teaching and learning environment and improve energy efficiency of the building infrastructure.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The Project components form part of an ongoing effort to modernise the education facilities in the Bretagne region, enhancing the working and learning environment for staff and students alike. The extended, reconstructed and renovated buildings will increase the overall energy efficiency in the region.

Conditions and undertakings:

The Promoter shall provide to the Bank:

- a copy of the design stage energy performance assessment, audit or equivalent for the reconstructed buildings,
- a copy of the building permit for each component,
- a copy of the energy performance certificates (EPC or diagnostic de performance énergétique or DPE in French) or equivalent for all new, reconstructed and renovated buildings on completion,
- a copy of the results of airtightness tests performed for the new and reconstructed buildings over 5,000m².

In light of the above, the Project is therefore considered to be acceptable in E&S terms for the Bank's financing.