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## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name: Lyon Urban Regeneration

Project Number: 2024-0929

Country: France

Project Description: Framework Loan to support the multi-sector investment programme of the City of Lyon, France, as well as the implementation of its urban development and climate city strategies ("Project"). The Project includes, among others, investments in urban renewal and regeneration, green areas and open spaces, sustainable mobility and construction and rehabilitation of public buildings.

EIA required: Multiple-scheme operation. Some of the schemes may require an EIA under Annex II ("screened in") of the EIA Directive.

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 operation is structured as a multi-sector Framework Loan (FL) to be implemented by the City of Lyon (Ville de Lyon), as the Borrower and Promoter. The Project includes, among others, investments in urban renewal and regeneration, green areas and open spaces, and construction and rehabilitation of public buildings.

The Project will be aligned with the Development and Sectoral Strategies for Lyon, including the City Climate Strategy (Plan clima, air, énergie de la Ville de Lyon et du Centre communal d'action sociale 2023-2030). In addition, schemes are in line with the City's Spatial Development and Land Use Plan.

Some of the Project's underlying investments may fall under Annex II of EIA Directive 2011/92/EU amended by EIA Directive 2014/52/EU, requiring a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) or EIA screening by the competent authority on the basis of related Annex III to determine the need for a full EIA. In addition, the schemes included in the Project and as relevant, will have to comply with the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive 2010/31/EU (EPBD) and the Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC (WFD) as transposed into the French legislation

During construction, the main Project's impacts are expected to be primarily related to traffic and accessibility disruptions, noise, vibration, and dust emissions. These impacts are expected to be short-lived, discontinuous and reversible. Furthermore, the construction impacts are expected to be addressed through adequate environmental management and monitoring plans.

During operation, the Project is expected to bring positive effects on environment and climate action, including the resilience of the city to climate change and overall, the quality of life of its residents. In this regard, the Project includes Renewable Energy measures and Energy Efficiency measures in public buildings as well as sustainable mobility schemes, which contribute to climate mitigation and environmental sustainability (ES-pollution abatement). The

<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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Project also includes green areas and parks which contribute to climate adaptation and environmental sustainability (biodiversity).

Investments under this Project will be eligible for EIB financing only if they are aligned with the Paris Agreement (PA). In this regard, the project is deemed aligned to both, against low-carbon and resilience goals, as outlined in the Climate Bank Roadmap.

### **Social Assessment**

As mentioned above, the schemes covered by this Project mirror the objectives of the City Development, Sectoral and Climate Strategies, which are not only striving for carbon neutrality by 2030 but also to ensure the principles of solidarity and social justice as well as the necessary economic development and provision of services to the residents.

Therefore, the Project's overall social benefit is expected to be positive resulting from the implementation of individual schemes with a high social and economic impact given their potential to provide better quality infrastructure and services and more liveable and socially inclusive neighbourhoods. Wider social-economic benefits may be expected such as induced investment, employment effects and productivity impacts resulting from the improvement of public infrastructure and services.

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

The proposed schemes are derived from the city strategies and plans, for which the City of Lyon conducts public consultation and inquiry, mostly through on-line IT tools but also in public presentations and meetings. In addition, the schemes subject to EIA are subject to individual public consultation, as part of the EIA process, ensuring that environmental considerations align with public expectations and municipal planning.

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

Based on the due diligence process, the institutional capacity of the promoter to manage and monitor the environmental and social issues is deemed as excellent.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The Project is expected to deliver significant environmental and social benefits, enhancing the quality of life for residents and visitors in Lyon. It will also contribute to climate action and environmental sustainability, particularly in the areas of construction and upgrade of public buildings, and green space development.

In projects/schemes, where applicable, the Borrower will be requested to deliver to the Bank before funds are allocated, the copy of the EIA report and evidence of compliance with the Habitats and Birds Directives. For schemes triggering Article 4.7 of the WFD, the Borrower has to provide evidence of the compliance with it, before the Bank funds are allocated. Additionally, upon request, the Borrower will need to provide selected Energy Performance Certificates obtained in line with national and EU legislation on the energy performance for buildings.

Based on the information available and with the appropriate conditions and monitoring, the Project is deemed acceptable for EIB financing in environmental and social terms.