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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	EDUCATION SOMME
Project Number:	2024-0645
Country:	FRANCE
Project Description:	The project includes the construction and renovation of colleges, a library and an administrative centre under the responsibility of the Department of the Somme in France. It also includes transversal items such as the digital agenda for schools and accessibility.
EIA required:	to be confirmed (multicomponent investment loan)
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	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 renovation of lower secondary schools, the department's library as well as the administrative centre in the Department of Somme in France.

School and education buildings 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 Point 10b of the Directive in relation to urban development. In France, individual projects are subject to screening if they meet thresholds in terms of their size. At the time of the appraisal none of the Project's components was screened in by a competent authority for a need of EIA.

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 the EIB's policy objective of Climate action - mitigation. The EIB will require the Promoter to provide a copy of the building permits for the new or reconstructed buildings. 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 (EPC) (Diagnostic de Performance Énergétique (DPE) in French) or equivalent for all new, reconstructed and renovated buildings on completion.

The Promoter has confirmed that the Project components are neither located in nor in surroundings of Natura 2000 sites nor in other designated or protected sites.

The Project has been assessed for Paris alignment and is considered to be aligned with low carbon and resilience goals policies set out in the Climate Bank Roadmap (CBR).

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

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 will provide modern education facilities, enhancing the teaching and learning environment, as well as administrative buildings associated with education administration. It will improve energy efficiency of the real estate park of the Department of Somme. Further, the Project seeks to support investments in improving schools' accessibility for the students and staff with disabilities.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The Project components form part of a strategic effort to modernise the school and education related facilities in the Department of Somme, enhancing the working and learning environment for staff and students alike. Due to the investment and use of new materials and technologies, the new, reconstructed and renovated buildings will increase the overall energy efficiency in the department.

Conditions and undertakings:

The Promoter shall provide to the Bank:

- A copy of the EIA screening decision for the administrative centre, if needed;
- a copy of the building permit for the new and reconstructed buildings;
- A copy of the energy performance certificates (Diagnostic de Performance Énergétique (DPE) in French) or equivalent for all new, reconstructed and renovated buildings on completion;
- A copy of the results of air tightness tests performed for the new and reconstructed buildings over 5 000m²;
- A copy of the results of a thermal integrity test or a proof of implementing a robust and traceable quality control processes during construction.

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