

Environmental and Social Data Sheet¹

Overview

Project Name:	APPRENTIS D AUTEUIL - PROJECT 40
Project Number:	2022-0024
Country:	France
Project Description:	The Project concerns the renovation of existing buildings currently used for educational purposes, child protection services and other associated activities, and the construction of new buildings for social housing. In total, over 13 000 m ² of existing infrastructure will be renovated and over 8 000m ² of facilities will be built for social housing, educational facilities and associated activities, thus improving access to education and affordable housing. The Project also seeks to improve the architecture and comfort of learning environments for both students, staff and residents.
E&S Risk Categorisation:	Low risk
Invest EU sustainability proofing required	No
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise²:	No

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The Project is a multi-component investment loan comprising rehabilitation and expansion of the *Fondation Apprentis d'Auteuil's* existing headquarters, thus increasing the Foundation's capacity to provide vocational training and housing to youths from underprivileged backgrounds.

Educational and residential buildings are not specifically listed in EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, amended by Directive 2014/52/EU, though the Project is covered by Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development – Section 10 Infrastructure Projects, Point b) Urban development projects, including the construction of shopping centres and car parks. In France, individual projects are subject to screening if they meet thresholds in terms of their size. The Project components are above the thresholds; therefore, they were subject to case-by-case screening. The Promoter has provided the screening-out decision confirming that the Project is not subject to an environmental impact assessment procedure.

Climate Assessment

Climate change mitigation:

The Project Components are designed to meet French energy performance standards for new construction and reconstruction. These are constituted by the *Réglementation Énergétique 2020* (RE2020) for new constructions and *Réglementation Thermique 2012* (RT2012) for renovations and new constructions where RE2020 is not applicable. In general, meeting the RE2020 regulation is considered to exceed the French Nearly Zero Energy Buildings (NZEB) standards, thus demonstrating

¹ The information contained in the document reflects the requirement related to the environmental, social and climate information to be provided to Investment Committee as required by the Invest EU Regulation and it represents the equivalent of the information required in the template of the InvestEU sustainability proofing summary

² 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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a substantial contribution to climate mitigation. The RT2012 regulation is considered to meet the Bank's requirements for renovation projects as it requires buildings to reduce energy consumption by 30%. For new constructions where *RE2020* is not applicable, the Promoter has confirmed that the target energy performance exceeds NZEB levels by a minimum of 10%, therefore meeting the Bank's requirements for contribution to climate mitigation.

The EIB will require the Promoter to provide copies of the Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) for all new, reconstructed, and renovated buildings upon completion. For new buildings above 5,000m², the Promoter will be required to provide air-tightness test certificates.

Regional and departmental strategies identify physical climate change risks and potential impacts on buildings. The Promoter has confirmed that the Department and the *Ville de Paris*' climate measures will be applied to the Project: sun-shading and water harvesting are included in the design to address current and future physical climate change risks such as increasing temperatures, drought and more frequent high-intensity rainfall.

The Project has been assessed for Paris alignment and is considered to be i) aligned with the policies set out in the Climate Bank Roadmap (CBR), see Annex 2, Table D: Buildings and ii) the Project has a climate-resilient design.

Climate change adaptation:

The Project concerns the NACE P85.35 (technical and vocational education and training) and NACE Q87.9 (other residential care activities) sectors. They are not considered to operate in a high vulnerability context nor generate high emissions. The Project is therefore considered to be aligned with the PATH framework.

Paris Alignment of projects:

Considered as an entity subject to private law, *Fondation Apprentis d'Auteuil* falls within the scope of the PATH framework. The Promoter is active in the NACE P85.5 (other education) and NACE Q87.9 (residential care activities) sector. They are not considered to operate in a high vulnerability context nor generate high emissions. The Foundation is therefore considered to be aligned with the PATH framework.

EIB Paris Alignment for Counterparties (PATH) Framework

The counterparty *Fondation Apprentis d'Auteuil* is in scope and screened out of the PATH framework, because it is not considered high emitting and/or high vulnerability.

Carbon Footprint Calculation

Based on the previous experience with similar projects, the Project's Carbon Footprint is below the threshold 20kt CO₂/year.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

The Project has been screened out and no public consultation is required in the context of an EIA. However, the Promoter undertook a prior consultation with stakeholders during the design phase and held regular workshops with stakeholders. The Promoter was accompanied by the *Commission Nationale du Débat Public* (CNDP) during the prior consultation phase as guarantor of the quality and transparency. Following the prior consultation and continuous dialogue, the Project was revised to minimise the impact of the proposed new infrastructure on neighbouring residents.

Although the Project has been adapted to address some of the concerns voiced during prior consultation, the Promoter has indicated that the Project is being contested by local residents during the building permit application process. The Promoter's urban planning and legal advisors are of the opinion that these objections are unfounded and will not prevent the building permit from being granted.



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Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The Project will provide modern, energy-efficient building infrastructure enabling the Promoter to continue and enhance their training agenda and capacity to assist children and youths from disadvantaged backgrounds. This will, in turn, lead to enhanced work opportunities for these youths and an improved level of social cohesion.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The Project forms part of a strategic effort to increase the Foundation's education and housing capacity, enhancing and expanding the living and learning environment for both staff, students and residents. The new building designs incorporate energy-efficient methods to improve the overall energy efficiency of the campus.

Environmental and Social Conditions

Conditions

For first disbursement, the Promoter will provide a copy of the building permit.

Undertakings

The Promoter shall provide to the Bank:

- Copy of Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) for all new, renovated, and reconstructed buildings upon completion;
- Copy of air tightness tests and thermal integrity tests for all new buildings > 5 000 m². The thermal integrity test can be replaced by evidence of a robust and traceable quality control system.

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