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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

project Name:	Valorisation Déchets et Circularité
project Number:	2021-0444
Country:	France
project Description:	Design, reconstruction and operation of Syctom's household waste transfer and treatment station located in Romainville and Bobigny.
E&S Risk categorisation	Low
project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

The Project encompasses four main components: a unit for receiving and transferring household waste (*Module 1*); a sorting station for recyclable materials (*Module 2*); a port facility on the banks of the Ourcq Canal (*Module 3*); and a centre of excellence for the circular economy comprising a recycling centre, a workshop and a resale space (*Module 4*).

The new facility has a nominal treatment capacity of 350,000 tonnes/year of residual waste, 60,000 tonnes/year of recyclable materials, and 40,000 tonnes/year of separately collected biowaste. The principal objective of the Project is the treatment of waste generated in the Île-de-France region in line with national and EU environmental legislation. Given the complexity and scale of the initiative, the project promoter has submitted a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to the Competent Authority (*Préfecture de la Seine-Saint-Denis*). The site is located outside Natura 2000 areas.

The Project contributes directly to the implementation of the Energy Transition for Green Growth Act (LTECV, Law No. 2015-992 of 17 August 2015), which requires a 50% reduction in landfilling by 2025 and the generalisation of separately collected biowaste. The main positive outcomes of this project include:

- The reduction of road traffic impacts through modal shift to river transport for residual waste and biowaste streams, in accordance with regional mobility and emissions reduction objectives;
- Improved odour control in Module 1, achieved by fully enclosed ventilated buildings with airlocks, combined with stale air extraction, treatment via activated carbon filters, and controlled discharge through dedicated ducts, in line with BAT (Best Available Techniques);
- Architectural and urban integration measures to ensure compatibility with the rapidly transforming surrounding environment, in line with local urban planning requirements.

The promoter will be required to act according to the provisions of the relevant EU Directives, including EIA (2014/52/EU amending 2011/92/EU), Habitats (92/43/EEC) and Birds (2009/147/EC) Directives, the EU Circular Economy Package as transposed into national law. The Project shall comply with the ministerial decrees of general requirements applicable to ICPEs (Installations Classified for Environmental Protection) is addressed in Appendix PJ79 of the DDAE.

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.



The Project's main environmental impacts are expected to be noise, odour, dust, and airborne pollutants during both construction and operation. In line with permit requirements, these risks will be mitigated through targeted measures and, more broadly, by using equipment that complies with the BAT standard. Noise levels inside the buildings will comply with French legislation, specifically Decree No. 2006-892 of 19 July 2006. For external noise emissions, all installations must meet the requirements of the decree dated 23 January 1997.

EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise

The Project involves the construction of a transfer station rather than a final treatment facility. Therefore, it falls outside the scope of the Carbon Footprint Exercise.

EIB Paris Alignment for Counterparties (PATH) Framework

The Project has been assessed for Paris Alignment and is aligned with the low carbon and resilience goals and the policies set out in the Climate Bank Roadmap ('CBR'). The Promoter being a group of Sub-Sovereign Public Authority (SSPA) governed by the same regulations than French SSPAs, it is not in the scope of the PATH Framework project.

Social Assessment

The social assessment is considered positive in terms of jobs creation, involvement of the beneficiaries in the decision process, environmental improvements and reduction of risks to public health. No involuntary resettlement will occur as an effect of the Project.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

Public engagement took place in three phases between late 2017 and 2018: 1/ the information phase (Dec 2017): Presentation of Syctom's project scope decisions; 2/ the pre-tender consultation (early 2018): Focus on environmental, architectural, and urban planning provisions for inclusion in the tender specifications; 3/ the post-tender consultation (mid-2018): Addressed peripheral aspects of the Project, in line with procedural constraints (see III.1.2).

The Project, Dialogue and Information, and Have Your Say, provide technical details and channels for stakeholder feedback². The public consultation has been carried out and the final EIA decision together with the construction permit is still pending.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The promoter's environmental and social management capacities are considered as adequate. The Project components are expected to have minor residual environmental impacts and are acceptable in environmental and social terms for Bank financing.

The Project will increase material recovery rates and improve waste-management practices, in line with relevant EU environmental directives while reducing current environment and climate change impacts on site. It will generate positive externalities, including on employment.

The Bank will require the following environmental and social condition in the finance contract:

- Prior to the first disbursement the promoter must provide the Bank with an electronic copy of the EIA including construction permit duly issued by the competent Authorities. The information on the public consultation will also be provided to the Bank.

Therefore, subject to the condition mentioned above, this operation is acceptable for the Bank in environmental and social terms.

² <https://www.enquete-publique-syctom-romainville-bobigny.fr/documents?box=6573>