

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	MOLDOVA SCHOOLS REHABILITATION AND MODERNIZATION
Project Number:	2025-0210
Country:	Moldova, Republic of
Project Description:	The project focuses on rehabilitation and modernisation of 36 educational institutions across the Republic of Moldova of which 20 to be financed by the EIB. The planned investments will include comprehensive upgrades to the buildings, including energy efficiency as well as safety and accessibility of the buildings, and to the educational spaces. The rehabilitation covers over 200 000 m2 of school facilities.
E&S Risk Categorisation:	Low risk
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	No

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The Project comprises the renovation of several educational facilities across the Republic of Moldova. The Project is funded on a parallel co-financing basis with the World Bank. Each bank will apply its own E&S requirements to the components of the Project that it is funding. For this type of investments, the E&S requirements of the co-financiers are materially consistent with those of the EIB.

Schools and related education facilities are not specifically mentioned in Moldova's 2014 law No. 86 "on Environmental Impact Assessment", though they are covered by Annex II of the law in relation to urban development. The legislation is aligned with principles of the EU EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU. As schools are not listed under urban development and in the absence of any thresholds, the Project is not subject to screening. In case the competent authority assesses the Project to be subject to an EIA, the Promoter shall inform the Bank of the status each component.

The schools are located on developed sites within an approved land-use plan. None of the Project components are to be located within Natura 2000 sites.

Climate Assessment

Climate change mitigation:

The components are targeting major renovations, within the meaning of the EU Energy Performance of Buildings Directive 2010/31/EU, where over 25% of the internal space is subject to renovations comprising energy efficiency improvements. National Law No. 282/2023 on the energy efficiency of buildings, transposes Directive 2010/31/EU on the energy performance of buildings into national legislation, imposing minimum performance requirements for major renovations. The Project is targeting at least 30% energy efficiency improvement.

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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Climate change adaptation:

The Promoter has identified the climate change risks of the Project in line with the Moldova National Climate Change Adaptation Programme (2030) and will require the inclusion of climate adaptation measures during the design development stage. A climate adaptation expert shall be included in the Project as a part of the Technical Assistance team to provide support.

In terms of alignment with climate resilience, the EIB's services carried out a Climate Risk Assessment (CRA) during the inception, pre-appraisal and appraisal phases to provide a systematic assessment of the physical climate risks in this operation. The operation is also aligned with regional regulations. The risks identified are mitigated through the planning and design of the facilities, and the residual risk is assessed as low.

Paris Alignment of projects:

The Project has been assessed for Paris alignment and is considered to be aligned both against low carbon and resilience goals the policies set out in the Climate Bank Roadmap (Table D. Buildings - New buildings and renovation of buildings outside the EU).

Carbon Footprint Calculation

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

Positive social and environmental outcomes are expected because of the improved energy efficiency of the education building estate and for a safer and healthier learning environment for students.

Conclusions and Recommendations

As the Project concerns renovation works in an urban area within or close to the existing facilities, significant negative environmental impacts are deemed unlikely. Positive social and environmental outcomes are expected as a result of the Project, especially with respect to the improved energy efficiency of the building estate and the creation of a safer and healthier learning environment for students and teachers.

Environmental and Social Conditions**Conditions:**

Prior to the first disbursement:

A climate adaptation expert shall be included in the Project's design development team.

Undertaking:

The Promoter shall provide the energy audit reports to the Bank.

The Promoter shall provide the EIB with the energy performance certificates or equivalent to the satisfaction of the Bank for the Project components upon completion of the Project.

If any of the Project's components require an EIA procedure, the Promoter shall inform the Bank about the status of each school.

The Promoter shall report to the Bank any incident involving a fatality or severe environmental damage on any of the Project sites during construction.

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