

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	REGION CENTRE LYCEES HQE
Project Number:	2012-0382
Country:	France
Project Description:	The Project consists in a 5-year expansion and retrofitting programme for high schools ("lycées") so as to meet increasing capacity requirements and to achieve the ambitious energy efficiency targets of the Region Centre, one of France's 22 Regions located in the Centre-North of France.
EIA required:	Although not foreseen at the time of appraisal, certain sub-projects might fall under Annex II of the EIA Directive and could be subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in relation with urban development.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment, including key issues and overall conclusion and recommendation

The Region Centre is responsible for, owns and operates the lycées and other educational institutions eligible for the project funding. The project sites are situated in most cases existing school estates and are already within respective city and/or regional plans. Council Directive 2011/92/EU on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) does not specifically mention education activities, however in case of an urban development; Annex II/III of the EIA Directive could apply. The need of an EIA will be decided by the relevant competent authorities for each sub-project on case by case basis.

If the EIA is required by the competent authority, the promoter should make the Non-Technical Summary (NTS) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) available to the EIB prior to the Bank's funding being used.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project is in full compliance with the national and EU environmental legislation and norms. As the project has a strong emphasis on energy efficiency and savings, it has positive environmental impacts. The Region, in cooperation with the Government of France, has prepared a regional climate, clean air and energy programme SRCAE (Schéma Régional du Climat, de l'Air et de l'Energie). The project forms an important part of the programme.

The «Code de la Construction et de l'Habitation» covers the financing of the construction and rehabilitation of public buildings in France respecting energy and environmental standards that are higher than the standards requested in French law. Furthermore, in addition to energy savings, some allocations will also promote the sustainable use of natural resources and effective waste management (Obtaining Labels BBC (Bâtiments Basse Consommation) and/or HQE (Haute Qualité Environnementale) and/or BEPOS (Bâtiment à Energie POSitive)).

The Region Centre has developed an energy policy implementation for public high schools. To achieve this policy, the Region has established its own set of standards and norms called SRCAE¹ that are more stringent than those defined by Grenelle II², and by Effinergie³ as defined by BBC (Bâtiment Basse Consommation).

No need for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is foreseen. In case an EIA is needed for any of the sub-projects, the promoter is requested to provide the Bank with a Non-technical Summary of the assessment.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement, where required

The promoter will ensure compliance with national and European environmental and nature regulations and facilitate the access by the public to environmentally relevant information in accordance with the Bank's Transparency Policy.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

About 14% of the total project cost concerns energy efficiency and energy saving investments. These investments comply with current and foreseen standards of energy efficiency of buildings such as those described in the respective national law. **The project thus accelerates the implementation of the objectives under the Directive 2002/91/EC "on the energy efficiency of buildings" and its amendments.**

¹ Schéma Régional Climat de l'Air et de l'Energie (SRCAE).

² Promulguée le 12 juillet 2010, la loi portant "engagement national pour l'environnement" dite Grenelle II, correspond à la mise en application d'une partie des engagements du Grenelle Environnement.

³ Effinergie est un collectif associatif français (ONG) créé en [2006](#), avec pour objectif de promouvoir les constructions à [basse consommation d'énergie](#) (en neuf et en rénovation). Les Labels Effinergie sont utilisés par l'État français, au travers de ses Décrets légaux, pour définir les niveaux énergétiques de référence. Son premier label, lancé en 2007, est devenu « *BBC-Effinergie* », repris dans la [réglementation thermique](#) (RT) visant une [consommation énergétique](#) moyenne de 50 kWh/m²/an. Effinergie peut être comparé à d'autres marques utilisées en Europe : [Minergie](#) en Suisse et [Passivhaus](#) en Allemagne.