

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	LYCEES – REGION POITOU-CHARENTES
Project Number:	2013-0219
Country:	France
Project Description:	The project comprises the construction and renovation, including the installation of wood heating systems, of 38 upper secondary schools, 7 vocational schools, 8 projects in vocational higher education institutions and one transversal operation in the Region Poitou-Charentes. As a part of the Regional Investment Programme (2013-2017), and as a part of the Regional Sustainable Energy Scheme, the project has also a strong energy efficiency emphasis.
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 Poitou-Charentes 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 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.

As the Project has a strong focus on environmental issues, improvement of energy efficiency in particular, and as the promoter has good implementation track record and capacity, the Project is acceptable to the Bank with minor negative residual risks.

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)).

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 2010/31/UE "on the energy efficiency of buildings" and its amendments.**