## **Environmental and Social Data Sheet**

## **Overview**

Project Name: LYCEES – REGION NORD-PAS DE CALAIS

Project Number: 2013-0214 Country: France

Project Description: The project comprises the construction and renovation of 74

upper secondary schools, 12 vocational schools and 5 horizontal projects in the Région Nord-Pas de Calais in France, affecting thus 39 % of the secondary schooling population of the region. As such, the project supports the Bank's "Investing for Youth" programme. As a part of the Regional Investment Programme, the project has 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 Région Nord-Pas de Calais 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 a 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 Région, 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 Région Nord-Pas de Calais has developed an energy policy implementation for public high schools. To achieve this policy, the Région has established its own set of standards and norms called SRCAE<sup>1</sup> that are more stringent than those defined by Grenelle II<sup>2</sup>, and by Effinergie<sup>3</sup> 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 Nontechnical 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 2010/31/EU "on the energy efficiency of buildings" and its amendments.

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

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.

Effinergie est un collectif associatif français (ONG) créé en 2006, avec pour objectif de promouvoir les constructions à <u>basse consommation d'énergie</u> (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 <u>réglementation thermique</u> (RT) visant une <u>consommation énergétique</u> moyenne de 50 kWhep/m²/an. Effinergie peut être comparé à d'autres marques utilisées en Europe : <u>Minergie</u> en Suisse et <u>Passivhaus</u> en Allemagne.