

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	Programme EE French Private Housing
Project Number:	2015-0188
Country:	France
Project Description:	The programme aims to promote energy efficiency in the housing stock through the funding of certain regional / local initiatives supporting energy renovation of private residential buildings in France. With the possibility of using renewable energy it will enable substantial reductions in energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. To facilitate the decision making of the housing owners the promoters usually offer a "packaged" solution covering technical and administrative support for energy renovation and, according to demand, also the financing of these investments over a long period through financial intermediaries or through a third party financing. The co-financing will be channeled through public or public private entities or financial intermediaries to the home owners.
EIA:	NO
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	NO

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

The operation will support the thermal refurbishment of residential buildings and the use of renewable energies directly related to these buildings in France. The works mainly consist of improving the insulation of the building envelope as well as renovation of the heat generation and distribution system in the buildings, including ventilation systems. The use of renewable energies (e.g. small scale wood-fired boilers, solar thermal collectors or roof-based solar photovoltaic installations) may also be included in the works. The works will lead to a decrease in energy consumption of the buildings of up to 75% of the original consumption, depending on the payback time of the planned measures.

Given the relative scale, location and nature of the sub-projects in built-up urban areas, all of the sub-projects are deemed not to have any significant negative environmental impact. Exceptionally, a sub-project, may fall under Annex II of the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU. In these cases the Bank will require the promoters to act according to the provisions of the aforementioned Directive as transposed into the national law. Should the relevant competent authority screen in a sub-project, the promoter shall deliver to the Bank the Non-Technical Summary (NTS) of the EIAs before the Bank funds are allocated.

Temporary nuisance due to construction works (dust, noise) are mitigated through appropriate site organisation and construction management. Pollutant emissions from heating systems are mitigated through the use of proven technologies and compliance with national legislation.

The promoters to be selected will have to comply with the Bank's specific procedures and eligibility criteria in particular regarding the environmental protection aspects.

With the proposed conditions and eligibility criteria in place, this programme is considered to be acceptable for Bank financing from an environmental perspective.

¹ Only projects that meet the scope of the Pilot Exercise, as defined in the EIB draft Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: above 100,000 tons CO₂e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tons CO₂e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.