

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name: SPEE EN PICARDIE
 Project Number: 2014-0158
 Country: France
 Project Description: This Framework Loan will co-finance energy refurbishment of existing residential buildings, predominantly houses. The investment will concern energy efficiency improvements of the building envelope and the heating systems, and the use of renewable energies embedded in buildings. The co-financing will be channelled to the final beneficiary through a financial and technical intermediary attached to the Regional Council of Picardie (Régie Régionale du Service Public de l'Efficacité Energétique).

EIA: NO

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise¹: NO

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

The project supports the improvement of the energy performance of residential buildings in Picardie region in France. Energy consumption for heating purposes in the buildings targeted by this project will be reduced, as well as the use of renewable energies increased. This contributes to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

All schemes have to meet the Bank's eligibility criteria also in view of achieving the environmental benefits of the projects.

Given the relative scale, location and nature of the sub-projects in built-up urban areas, all of the schemes are deemed not to have any significant environmental impacts. Some of the sub-projects may fall under Annex II of the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU. In these cases the Bank will require the promoter to act according to the provisions of the aforementioned Directive as transposed into 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.

New heating systems and renewable energy installations are embedded into the refurbished buildings and must be based on proven technologies and compliant with applicable regulations and technical standards. The supply of biomass shall originate from sustainable resources.

With the proposed conditions and eligibility criteria in place, this framework loan 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.