

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name: Region Aquitaine Climate Action  
Project Number: 2011-0484  
Country: France  
Project Description: The Project supports the regional energy policy of Région Aquitaine through an intermediated loan to two Final Beneficiaries to finance regional renewable energy schemes (biomass, geothermal, solar, wind, hydropower etc.) and energy saving measures in public and private buildings.

EIA required: Multi-investment project. EIA may vary

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise<sup>1</sup>: NO  
As it is a Framework Loan detailed information about greenhouse gas emissions are not available at this stage.

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

The environmental impact of most of the investments targeted by the project is likely to be limited, with no significant negative residual effects. They will generally generate positive environmental impacts, notably by reducing GHG emissions. Due to their technical characteristics most of the investments will fall under Annex II of the EIA-Directive 2011/92/EU, leaving it to the competent authority to decide whether or not an EIA is required.

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

The renewable energy and energy efficiency investments targeted by the project will lead to the increase of renewable energy use and reduction of energy consumption thus contributing to GHG mitigation. The environmental impact of these investments is likely to be limited. Due to their technical characteristics, most of the investments will fall under Annex II of the EIA directive.

In all cases where an EIA is required, a copy of the non-technical summary of the EIA report will be provided by the FI to the Bank for publication. The FI will also be required to verify that none of the schemes submitted for part-financing by the Bank have a significant negative impact on any site of nature conservation importance (Habitat, Natura 2000). The FI will be required to obtain a confirmation to this effect from the competent authority.

The capacity of the FIs to carry out environmental assessment of projects in line with the Bank's requirements has been appraised and is deemed satisfactory.

#### EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise

Project is not included - the EIB draft Carbon Footprint Methodologies only includes emissions from Investment Loans, and large allocations under Framework Loans, above the methodology thresholds.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 CO<sub>2</sub>e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tons CO<sub>2</sub>e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.