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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	NRW Bank Gute Schule 2020
Project Number:	20170223
Country:	Germany
Project Description:	Support of a joint program of the German Federal State Northrhine-Westphalia (NRW) and its promotional bank NRW.BANK to finance the renovation, modernisation, refurbishment and expansion of schools throughout NRW as well as investments in digital equipment and infrastructure at schools.
EIA required:	Certain sub-projects could be subject to an EIA. If required by the competent authority, the Promoter shall make the Environmental Impact Study/Statement (EIS) available to the EIB.
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

The project supports educational investments in the German Federal State North Rhine-Westphalia by providing financing to all the 429 entities (municipalities, cities and other relevant actors) responsible for operation and maintenance of the schools in the region. The project consists of three main components: 1) rehabilitation and modernisation of school buildings and sport facilities, 2) new construction and remodelling of school buildings and sport facilities, and 3) digitalisation of the schools.

Schools and related buildings are not specifically mentioned in the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, though the sub-projects are covered by Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development. If any of these subprojects requires an EIA, the Promoter shall make the Environmental Impact Study/Statement (EIS) available to the EIB.

In respect to Energy Performance the individual projects are expected to meet at least the relevant requirements as defined by the EU directives and in national legislation. Although the rehabilitations include energy efficiency measures but due to the nature of a framework operation, availability of information is limited and thus reliable quantification of the contribution to the climate action is not feasible.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The majority of the project is anticipated to cover construction works in an urban area within or close to the existing facilities. In case new construction on a green field site is required, the relevant procedures as defined in local legislation which is in line the relevant EU directives will be applied. The project is expected both to increase the hygienic condition of the school estate and provide better quality learning and teaching facilities across the region. The project is also anticipated to improve the energy efficiency of the rehabilitated facilities. In light of the above, the overall environmental and social rating of the project is therefore considered acceptable for financing by the Bank.