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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	UNESCO CULTURE AND EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE
Project Number:	2018-0447
Country:	France
Project Description:	The project concerns the renovation of Building V, Miollis, one of the UNESCO's headquarter buildings in Paris. The target of the works is to upgrade the building to meet the current norms and technical requirements as well as to improve significantly its energy efficiency while respecting and maintaining its historical value.
EIA required:	If the competent authority assess the project to be subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), the promoter shall make the Environmental Impact Study(EIS) available to the EIB.
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project comprises of renovation of an existing building on UNESCO's headquarter site located in the urban area in central Paris. International Institutions of this kind and related facilities are not specifically mentioned in the Directive 2014/52/EU amending the Directive 2011/92/EU on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). Though the project falls under Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development, leaving it at the discretion of the responsible competent authorities to request an EIA on the basis of the location and scale of the works concerned. Although the final decision of the competent authority is still pending, the promoter expects to receive all the necessary permits without conducting an EIA.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The building was inaugurated in 1970 and it is considered to have important architectural value although it is not formally listed. The works are designed to be conducted in a way that respects and maintains the historical value of the building and is fully in accordance with the French regulations and norms. The works are expected to include asbestos removal, which is to be conducted in line with the relevant legislation.

In respect to energy performance of the building, the promoter's target is to reduce the building's final energy consumption by 60% (by approximately 1 100 MWh) annually. The

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.

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yearly reduction of CO₂ emissions is expected to be in the order of 75% or 320 tCO₂. The Bank will request the promoter to provide the EIB satisfactory evidence (including an Energy Performance Certificate) that the targeted reduction of energy consumption will be met.

Conclusions and Recommendations

As the project concerns renovation of an existing office building in an urban area, no significant impact is expected on the environment. The project aims at improving the health and safety condition of the building currently in a poor condition and is also targeting to significantly reduce its energy consumption. The promoter shall provide the EIB satisfactory evidence including the Energy Performance Certificate that the targeted reduction of energy consumption (1 100MWh per annum) will be met.

In case an EIA is requested by the competent authority, the promoter shall make the EIS available to the Bank. In light of the above, the project is considered acceptable for EIB financing in E&S terms.

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