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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: Région Centre Lycées HQE

Project Number: 2012-0382

Country: France

Project Description: The Project consists in a 5-year expansion and retrofitting programme for high schools ("lycées") so as to meet increasing capacity requirements and to achieve the ambitious energy efficiency targets of the Région Centre, one of France's 22 Regions located in the Centre-North of France.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

EIB notes the following Environmental and Social performance and key outcomes at Project Completion.

The Project fully supports the objectives of the European Education Area by 2025 strategy and the objectives of the Région Centre (now Région Centre-Val de Loire since the 16.01.2015) to provide better education to its citizens by improving the conditions in which young people study in secondary schools, vocational training centres and post-secondary education. The Project is economically well justified in view of the demand for secondary education infrastructure due to the need to renovate existing infrastructure and adapt capacity in a context of steep demographic decline. Renovated and reconstructed buildings contribute to improving the energy efficiency of the school stock and thus to saving on operating costs.

The replacement and modernisation of outdated buildings improve educational and safety conditions. A significant reduction in energy consumption is expected as the new and rehabilitated buildings have been designed according to the current high-energy standards.

The Promoter committed to provide environmental impact studies in case they were required by the competent authority. No sub-projects were subject to an impact assessment under the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by the Directive 2014/52/EU and no projects were realised in or in the vicinity of a Natura 2000 area.

Some of the sub-projects included finance the construction, rehabilitation or extension of public buildings under Article R.111-20 of the "Code de la Construction et de l'Habitation" (CCH), which implies compliance with higher energy and environmental standards than those required by French law at the time of their design. In addition to energy savings, some endowments will also promote the sustainable use of natural resources and efficient waste management (démarche Haute Qualité Environnementale (HQE)).



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Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the Promoter that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.