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## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	<i>EDUCATION HAUTE-SAVOIE</i>
Project Number:	<i>2022-0290</i>
Country:	<i>France</i>
Project Description:	<i>The Project includes the construction, reconstruction or renovation of colleges under the responsibility of the Department of Haute-Savoie in France.</i>
EIA required:	Yes
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>1</sup> :	No

(details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

School buildings are not specifically mentioned in the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU, although the Project may be covered by Annex II of the Directive with regard to urban development. In France, there is a threshold for urban development projects and this Project is below this threshold taking into account all the components of the proposed Project and their locations. Therefore, the Project and its components are not subject to an EIA unless required by a competent authority following a case-by-case study, if any.

For the college of the municipality of Vétraz-Monthoux, the public utility procedure (déclaration d'utilité publique (DUP)) was initiated to acquire the land. The EIA was required by the competent authority after a case-by-case study. The EIA has been carried out. The copy of the EIA was provided to the Bank.

The new buildings will be designed and built in accordance with the French Low Energy Consumption (Bâtiment Basse Consommation (BBC)) standards and will likely include passive and active solutions such as the installation of the best available energy efficiency technologies and/or on-site renewable energy generation devices. The EIB will request a copy of the Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) upon completion of the work. The Project has been assessed against alignment with the Paris Agreement and is considered to be in line with the carbon reduction and resilience targets.

The Project also includes components that include the renovation of existing school buildings. These renovations will comply with the French standards for Building Low Energy Consumption. The EIB will request the Promoter to provide copies of Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) upon completion of the work.

<sup>1</sup> Only projects that meet the scope of the Carbon Footprint Exercise, as defined in the EIB Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: 20 000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/year absolute (gross) or 20 000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/year relative (net) – both increases and saving



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## **Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement**

For the Collège located in Commune of Vétraz-Monthoux, the public consultation resulting from the public utility procedure was carried out. The results of the consultation, conducted in accordance with national legislation, were taken into account by the local administration, which issued a favourable decision on 4 August 2022.

## **Other Environmental and Social Aspects**

The Project supports the objectives of the education and environmental policy of the Haute-Savoie Department presented in the "Air Energy Climate Plan 2020-2025". It will allow the Department to modernise its school infrastructure and to accompany the adaptation of its network of secondary schools to changes in demand. The Project is expected to help improve learning conditions and results. The second objective is to improve the energy efficiency of educational buildings, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and support activities that benefit the environment.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The Project's components aim to modernise and increase the capacity of secondary education facilities in the Haute-Savoie Department. Through the investment, new and renovated buildings will increase the overall energy efficiency of the educational infrastructure.

Where appropriate, the Promoter undertakes to provide the Bank, for each component concerned, with the decision of the competent authority in accordance with Directive 2014/52/EU and an electronic copy of the non-technical summary and a full copy of the related Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for publication on the EIB website.

Upon completion of the work, the Promoter will provide the Bank with:

- A copy of the building permit applicable for each sub-project, if applicable;
- A copy of the Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) for each sub-project, if applicable.

Given the the above, the Project is acceptable for financing by the Bank in environmental and social terms.