

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	FRENCH OVERSEAS TERRITORIES (RUP) INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Project Number:	2015 0363
Country:	France
Project Description:	Infrastructure projects in French Departments d'Outre Mer (overseas <i>Départements</i> and communities) Risk Sharing with AFD
EIA required:	This is multi-scheme Framework Loan operation. Some of the schemes may require an EIA under Annex I or Annex II ("screened in") of the EIA Directive.
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The Project consists of a risk sharing guarantee scheme for AFD's² financings of investments in the French Overseas Territories on EFSI eligible sectors. The final beneficiaries or promoters will mainly be private and public enterprises as well as local authorities. The Project will be designed on the basis of a multi-sector framework loan with a 50% risk sharing on the Final Beneficiaries with AFD as the beneficiary of the EFSI guarantee and intermediary. AFD is well based in the area and in the position to appraise, follow and monitor the implementation of individual projects.

The main investments eligible under EFSI will be in urban renewal and development and (including public buildings and green areas), sustainable transport environmental schemes, such waste and water, energy, and sub-projects to support local economy. The EIB will allocate the EFSI guarantee based on the information provided by the AFD.

The strategy of the Project is based on the AFD's local strategies that take into consideration the following objectives. (i) Supporting public policies aiming for social cohesion and environment preservation. This objective focuses on upgrading of social services and preservation and efficient use of resources. (ii) Strengthening the private sector to create employment and increase value added. (iii) Improving urban development and housing and (iv) Encouraging regional integration, promoting tourism, fisheries, forestry and enhancing transport infrastructures.

Each promoter will be required to act according to the provisions of the relevant EU Directives, including SEA (2001/42/EC), EIA (2011/92/EU) and subsequent amendments (e.g.: 2014/52/EU), Habitats (92/43/EEC) and Birds (2009/147/EC) Directives as transposed

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.

² Agence Francaise de Developpement

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into national law. The promoters will be requested to deliver the NTS of EIAs (if applicable) to the Bank before Bank funds are allocated.

Sub-projects are not expected to be located outside protected areas including Natura 2000. Nevertheless, the promoters have to provide evidence of the compliance with the Habitats and Birds Directives (if applicable) before the Bank funds are allocated.

The overall environmental and social impact of the FL is expected to be positive, with improved environment and quality of life for citizens, especially through improved urban infrastructure (including public buildings and green areas, sustainable transport and support local economy. Furthermore the project is expected to contribute to resilience (e.g. anti-seismic measures) and climate change mitigation (e.g. sustainable transport, renewable energy).

Social Assessment

Some sub-projects comprise the rehabilitation of degraded urban areas and might involve some temporary resettlement of the population. The EIB will review it in a case by case basis.

Otherwise, the Project will positively impact the everyday life for the inhabitants, and associated social relations and routines will be improved thanks to better mobility, rehabilitation of social housing, improved social infrastructure and supply of energy.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

Urban development projects are subject to public consultation as it is mandatory in the French legislation. Other sub-projects require municipal construction permits and, therefore must be included in the territorial and sectorial plans.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Overall, the net environmental impact is expected to be positive. The Project will contribute to increase the economic autonomy of the French Overseas *Départements*, communities and territories and will improve the citizens' quality of life.

The AFD has a wide experience in working in the overseas *territoires* and it has a well-established local network. In addition, it knows well the EU directives applicable and will verify that each promoter follows them.

The institutional capacity of the promoters - with the support of AFD - to manage the environmental issues is deemed adequate and therefore, subject to conditions mentioned above, the Project is acceptable to the Bank in environmental and social terms.