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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	PUBLIC R&D PROGRAMS
Project Number:	2012-0468
Country:	Spain
Project Description:	This public RDI investment programme launched by the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (MINECO) concerns the funding of selected RDI activities, as part of a nation-wide strategy to improve Spanish competitiveness. These investments, which are allocated via competitive calls for tender, form part of the implementation process of the Spanish Strategy for Science Technology and Innovation 2013 (STI). The beneficiaries of RDI funds (researchers and institutions) are located in all regions of Spain.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project concerned investments to support the distribution of research and development (R&D) grants to individuals and research organisations in the Spanish public research system. The beneficiaries of the grants financed by the EIB's loan performed research, development and innovation activities across a number of scientific and technological fields.

The EIB's financing did not support investments for the construction of new buildings or other tangible assets. The Project activities did not fall under Directive 2011/92/EC on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). No significant negative environmental or social issues were noted.

However, as a result of the research activities, the outcomes of the research are likely to have had a positive impact on the development of renewable energy technologies, life sciences and agricultural technologies devising solutions to counter climate change issues and improve the well-being of the population.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the promoter and visits by the EIB team during the project's implementation that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.