

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	GALICIA PUBLIC R&D
Project Number:	2019-0066
Country:	Spain
Project Description:	The project concerns the co-financing of selected research, development and innovation (RDI) activities performed by the University of Santiago de Compostela (USC) and the University of Vigo (UVIGO) in the Autonomous Region of Galicia (Spain) during the period 2020-2023.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project comprises only intangible research expenditures. The included R&D activities will be carried out within existing facilities, making use of existing installations already authorised for similar activities and volumes. Such activities create intangible assets (new knowledge and scientific discoveries), which do not fall under the EU's Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

Since the project supports research undertaken in public universities and public scientific centres and due to the wide scope of the research activities varying from life sciences and marine sciences to engineering, technology and agriculture, it is expected to provide positive environmental and social outcomes.

Some of the research centres included in the project may handle toxic materials and toxic waste as part of their activities while other carry out experiments with live animals. The Promoter has confirmed that they comply with all relevant legal provisions, notably Directives 2012/18/EU on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances and 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes, where applicable.

Conclusions and Recommendations

As the project does not cover any major construction works and the handling of dangerous substances and activities involving live animals for experimental and scientific purposes are according to the Promoter in compliance with the Directive 2010/63/EU and checked and controlled by competent authorities, no significant impact is expected on the environment.



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The funded activities are expected to bring about positive environmental and societal outcomes in a number of research fields.

In light of the above, the overall environmental and social rating of the project is therefore considered to be acceptable for the Bank's financing.