

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	ARTECHE PRODUCT INNOVATION AND TESTING
Project Number:	2016-0294
Country:	SPAIN
Project Description:	The investments include the promoter's Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) activities in the field of electrical, electronic products and related services, and particularly on instrument transformers, auxiliary relays, recloser and switches as well as substation automation systems. The project concerns also activities to implement lean principles in the production processes and increase their efficiency, improve processes' quality and quality control in production as well as to upgrade the factories' digital infrastructure. The project comprises only the EU-based investments of the promoter on the above mentioned activities and covers the period 2020-2023
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>1</sup> :	no

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

Research and development activities on electrical and electronic products are not listed in any of the annexes of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive 2014/52/EU amending the Directive 2011/92/EU. The financed activities will be carried out in already-authorized existing facilities that will not change their scope due to the project, thus not requiring any additional environmental permits.

#### Other Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental and social sustainability is embedded into the company's management procedures; all the sites concerned by the project are certified ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001.

Part of the project will help to enhance the performance of the promoter's electrical and electronic products, lead to the development of new ones with improved efficiency as well as facilitate the integration of decentralized generation resources, most of which come from renewable energy sources, into the grid; as such part of the project is expected to have positive effect on the environment.

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<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 savings.

## Conclusions and Recommendations

In the light of the above, the project is acceptable for EIB financing in E&S terms.