

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	DIGITAL INNOVATION POSTAL AND LOGISTIC SERVICES
Project Number:	2019-0473
Country:	SLOVAKIA
Project Description:	The project is part of the promoter's investment programme to digitalise and transform its operations and portfolio of services, including the universal service for postal services. The promoter's key objective is to adapt the organisation to the drastic changes in its business driven by the internet and digital technologies in general, while fulfilling its universal service obligation with high quality and efficiency. The project will mainly include investments in new IT systems (hardware and software) as well as specialised postal equipment, such as parcel sorting lines.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no
(details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")	

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project is part of the promoter's investment programme to digitalise and transform its operations and portfolio of services, including the universal postal service, and consists of the following main components:

- Development of new digitalisation initiatives, consisting of digitalisation of postal services, e-government services and new value added services. The investments required for these initiatives will include purchase and installation of hardware and software licenses, as well as software development.
- Purchase and installation of specialised parcel equipment to improve the efficiency of parcel operations, including a parcel sorting line and self-service and digitally connected parcel boxes.

The project activities do not fall under Annexes I and II of the EU Directive 2014/52/EU amending the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, and are therefore not subject to mandatory Environmental Impact Assessments. Moreover, the installation of equipment will take place either in already existing premises, which will not change the scope due to the project, or in already urbanised areas of the public domain. With this, it is not expected that the project will have any relevant environmental impact.

No component of the project will be located in Natura 2000 areas.

¹ 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 CO₂e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tonnes CO₂e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

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Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The promoter has developed an environmental management system certified to the ISO 14001 standard, which covers all the promoter's premises. An environmental manager is responsible for the implementation of the management system including the organisation of continuous training of the staff. In addition, the quality management system used for the provision of selected national and international services is certified according to ISO 9001. Both ISO certifications have been in place since 2008 and the most recent renewal was in 2018. The promoter performs frequent internal audits to verify the correct implementation of the management systems and apply corrective measures if needed.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The project activities are not subject to mandatory Environmental Impact Assessments as they are not included in the relevant directives. The required equipment will be installed in existing facilities already authorised that will not change their scope due to the project. The project is not expected to have any relevant environmental impact.

Therefore, the project has been classified as acceptable in environmental and social terms for the Bank's financing.