

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name: KWS SAAT RDI
Project Number: 20190909
Country: Germany
Project Description: Financing of RDI activities related to the creation, development, registration and commercialization of new field crop and vegetable seed varieties

EIA required: No

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise¹: No

(details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The operation concerns the funding of the promoter's Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) activities over the period between 2020 and 2022.

The RDI activities will be carried out within existing RDI facilities located in EU countries (mainly in Germany, France, Italy and the Netherlands). They do not imply the construction of new, nor the modification of the existing RDI facilities and do therefore not fall under the provisions of the EU Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU. The research facilities hold valid operation permits approved by the competent authorities in each country in each case.

A significant proportion of the RDI efforts will be dedicated to the creation, development and registration of varieties with characteristics such as drought and disease tolerance or resistance or varieties with higher nutrients uptake capacity or use efficiency. If successful, the project will therefore bring about substantial externalities in the areas of Environmental Protection (reduced environmental footprint of agricultural activities), food security and Climate Resilience.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The bank's foreseen investment only concern RDI costs related to conventional seeds that will be sold predominantly within the EU. Specific varietal trials may require notification to the competent authorities for the purpose of their inscription into the varietal register.

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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Conclusions and Recommendations

Disbursement conditions

None

Undertakings

The Promoter shall inform the Bank about any change/modification/extension of the project that could trigger an EIA-IED permitting process, following EIA directive 2014/52/EU, amending 2011/92/EU and IED directive 2010/75/EU and submit the relevant assessment reports and permits to the Bank.

Subject to the above-mentioned contractual conditions, the project is acceptable for EIB financing in environmental and social terms.