

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	MIDIAGNOSTICS (IDFF)
Project Number:	2019-0580
Country:	Belgium
Project Description:	The project supports the Company's R&D investments and capex to advance the development and launch of its molecular diagnostics platform for COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, including readers and cartridges featuring the Company's innovative silicon-based technology.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project concerns investments in research and development activities and capital expenditures carried out by the Promoter and its partners in existing facilities without changing their already authorised scope.

The research and development activities of the project do not fall under either Annex I or Annex II of the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

If successful, the project will contribute to the creation and deployment of breakthrough advances in the field of medical diagnostics, considering the innovative technology used and the possibility to contribute to a reduction in medical wastes generated through monitoring and testing activities.

Moreover, the project is also expected to lead to important social benefits, considering its contribution in addressing infectious diseases, including the COVID-19 epidemic, and mitigating their impact to populations and economic growth on a global scale.

Through the R&D activities and investments, the Promoter is also expected to sustain its current level of highly skilled personnel, while contributing to European scientific innovation, hence fostering and nurturing the vital research community

Conclusions and Recommendations

Considering the above, the project is deemed acceptable for the Bank's financing under environmental and social terms.