

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	FASSA BORTOLO R&D AND MODERNIZATION
Project Number:	2020-0669
Country:	Italy, Spain
Project Description:	The project concerns the promoter's Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) activities on construction materials and systems, the modernisation of plants to improve production efficiency and digitalisation, as well as the construction of two state-of-the-art green-field plants for pre-mixed products. The project will be carried out primarily in Italy and, to a lesser extent, in Spain in the period 2020-23.
EIA required:	yes (some project's components might require an EIA)
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

RDI activities on construction materials and systems as well as production of pre-mixed cement- and lime-based products do not fall under Annex I or Annex II of the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU. Hence, this part of the project is not subject to the EIA directive.

The construction of the two greenfield plants for pre-mixed products may fall under Annex II of the EIA directive in relation to urban development. The permitting process, including a screening by the competent authority on the need for an EIA, has not started yet as these investments are foreseen at a later stage of the project's implementation. The promoter will be required to submit to the Bank: (i) a copy of the screening-out decision (decision of the competent authority confirming that an EIA report is not required); or, (ii) in case an EIA is required, a copy of the full EIA report for publication on the Bank's website; and, in both cases, (iii) a copy of the building permit. These are contractual disbursement conditions for the part of the loan associated with these two project components.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The RDI activities aim at developing eco-sustainable products that are expected to reduce the energy consumption in buildings or improve the environmental performance of other industrial processes. Some of the capital investments are aimed at improving the environmental performance and safety in the workplace as well as at improving the efficiency of production. The two new greenfield plants will not entail energy-intensive production processes.

The promoter operates in compliance with the D. Lgs 152/06 environmental standards for the respect of the territory, pollution prevention and environmental protection. Fassa is also compliant with the respect of employees' safety measures outlined in the D. Lgs. 81/2008.

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.

Conclusions and Recommendations

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