



European Investment Bank (EIB)

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## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

### Overview

Project Name: ADIENT AUTOMOTIVE RDI  
 Project Number: 2016-0832  
 Country: GERMANY, FRANCE, SLOVAKIA  
 Project Description: *The project consists of RDI expenditures in the vehicle seating business.*

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

**EIB notes the following Environmental and Social performance and key outcomes at Project Completion.**

No significant environment or social issues were noted. The project concerned investments in research and development that were carried out in existing facilities without changing their already authorised scope. Overall, the project has been assessed as acceptable having no adverse impact on the environment.

The development of new products systematically includes a LCA (Life cycle Assessment) evaluation that focuses on Energy, Greenhouse gases emissions, Water consumption and Wastes as well as on increased recyclability of final products.

Most of the project R&D activities were focusing on safety improvement and weight reduction of seat components and complete seats. Weight reductions of seating play a non-negligible role in automotive manufacturers' ambitions to reduce fuel consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in order to meet increasingly stringent environmental targets. Metals part and mechanisms represent around 70% of the total mass of an automotive seat; the project supported the promoter's efforts in achieving weight reductions of up to 25% for some components (for two successive generations of the same component).

The promoter maintains its efforts to operate its manufacturing and assembly network (operations in 33 countries) in line with the highest environmental standards. At the end of fiscal year FY2020, 204 out of 220 facilities were ISO 14001 certified; all wholly-owned Adient's production facilities are ISO 14001 certified within 18 months of start of production. The promoter has a strong safety culture and good operating and HSE (Health, Safety and Environment) procedures in place: 64% of Adient's locations are OHSAS 18001 or ISO 45001 certified.

### Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

Based on the reports provided by the promoter, EIB is of the opinion that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.