



European Investment Bank (EIB)

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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)¹

Overview

Project Name:	Security and Communication R&D
Project Number:	2016-1015
Country:	France
Project Description:	The R&D programme comprised the development of several new and the enhancement of existing software products for civilian applications. The R&D activities were entirely carried in France.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The promoter plans, develops and operates mission critical IT systems. Its customers are active in the civil (energy, automotive, industrial, aeronautics, space sector) and the defence sector. The Bank's R&D project has been carefully selected and included seven civilian R&D projects. These developments represented major activities for the promoter as they accounted for about 70% of the internal R&D headcount.

The R&D programme comprised the development of several new as well as further enhanced software solutions in the area of air traffic control, simulation applications for the car industry, cyber security and specialised radar solutions. The R&D activities were entirely carried out in France.

Therefore the project activities did not fall under Annexes I and II of the EU Directive 2014/52/EU amending the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, and were therefore not subject to mandatory Environmental Impact Assessments.

The newly developed software products were not directly geared towards the reduction of environmental impacts; however, they will enable more generally a better environmental performance. Particularly, the new developments regarding air traffic control and aerodynamic simulations for industrial and automotive applications will help to optimise the products / air traffic while reducing environmental impacts in these sectors.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

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

¹ The template is for ILs and FLs