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## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)<sup>1</sup>

### Overview

Project Name:	ATEA DC EXPANSION
Project Number:	2017-0547
Country:	Sweden / Denmark / Lithuania / Latvia / EU Regional countries
Project Description:	The investment programme concerned (i) the construction of a new data centre in Lithuania and the expansion of existing ones located in Sweden, and Denmark, (ii) the modernisation of the company's IT platforms and (iii) the automation investments for a new logistics centre – more precisely, the installation of equipment for the new logistics facility in Växjö (Sweden). These investments increased the capacity and efficiency of the company in order to provide new cloud solutions and better customer infrastructure services. The implementation was carried out as planned during the years 2018 to 2021.

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The environmental impacts of the different project components include CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through the cooling and the operation of the new data centres as well as increased road traffic created by the logistics centre. The positive effects stem from energy efficiency linked to improved business processes resulting from the modernisation of existing data centres.

The data centre investments related partly to the installation of latest ICT equipment such as servers and storage systems within existing own or rented facilities but also the construction of one new facility (Lithuania / Vilnius). This new data centre is the extension of an existing one for which the necessary authorisations had already been obtained at the time of approval, therefore no further specific environmental studies have been required. Together with the monitoring report the promoter also shared all relevant authorisations and permits once available.

The data centres are located very far up in the north of Europe; therefore, they can make best possible use of e.g., ambient air-cooling measures in order to increase the overall power efficiency. This efficiency is reflected in a low Power Usage Efficiency indicator (PUE) in the range of 1.1 – 1.3. Such efficiencies are good compared to similarly sized data centres. In addition, the power supply in these countries is mainly secured through renewable energy sources limiting the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions further.

<sup>1</sup> The template is for ILs and FLs



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Investments in automation of a logistics centre have been made to increase the capacity and efficiency of the company in order to provide new cloud solutions and better customer infrastructure services, but also to allow for the improved recycling of old recovered ICT equipment. The recycling/reuse is done in different stages, either internal relocation of used IT equipment within the company, refurbishment and sale, or finally the professional recycling of IT equipment at the end of life. This reuse and recycle programme is one of the largest in the Nordic and Baltic region.

On 31 December 2021, women represented 25.0% of the Group's employees, compared with 23.7% at the end of the previous year. The low percentage of female employees within the Group reflects the IT industry in which the company operates. The Group works systematically to recruit women at all levels and to encourage that they remain with the promoter (Atea).

Atea observes the UN Global Compact's principles in the areas of human rights, labour rights, the environment and anti-corruption. Atea also participates in several recognized national and international initiatives focused on sustainability, including the UN Global Compact, Carbon Disclosure Project and Responsible Business Alliance.

The Company takes the topic Corporate and Social Responsibility seriously and has won several awards and was among a select group of European companies, that have made the greatest progress curbing their greenhouse gas emissions. The ranking was made in 2021 by the Financial Times and Statista.



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**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.

The data centre in Lithuania was the only new construction in the project and the Bank has received copies of the required authorisations and permits. The new data centre facilities included in the project have been built and are operated in line with latest industry standards. The design and location have been chosen to allow for efficient operation with limited CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. In the logistics centre, the promoter has a specific business line that is targeting the reuse and the professional recycling of ICT equipment, to minimize the environmental impact of outdated computer hardware.