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

### Overview

Project Name:	<i>GROUPE ROULLIER RDI PROGRAMME FINANCING</i>
Project Number:	<i>2017-0960</i>
Country:	<i>France, Spain, Italy</i>
Project Description:	<i>Financing the research activities of the Promoter mainly in France related to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) <i>enhancement of the promoter's portfolio of plant and animal nutrition products,</i></li> <li>(ii) <i>the development of additional applications, and</i></li> <li>(iii) <i>the optimization of the industrial process.</i></li> </ul>

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project consisted mainly of RDI activities in existing facilities, which already fulfil the applicable environmental regulations and hold the required permits.

No change/modification/extension of the project that could trigger an EIA-IPPC permitting process have taken place during implementation.

From the information obtained from the promoter at project completion, no major issues of environmental and/or social nature have materialised during the project implementation and all the project activities have been carried out in accordance with the applicable environmental and social standards.

The RDI project led to positive environment externalities as it aimed at the development of innovative plant and animal nutrition products, contributing to decrease the environmental impact of primary production in farming and agriculture.

For example, the plant biostimulant products developed by the promoter contribute to reducing the number of synthetic fertilisers required, by improving nutrients uptake and enhancing plant health, to achieve better agricultural yields.

Similarly, the animal nutrition products developed, are aimed at fostering natural based solutions to decrease the amount of antibiotics used in animal rearing, promoting animal health. Furthermore, the project supported research on the valorisation of effluents in animal rearing practises to lower their environmental footprint.

In terms of social outcomes, the project helped to support promoter's employment, both in the R&D department and companywide. In fact, the global number of R&D employees and the overall promoter workforce have increased over the course of the project. Therefore, overall, the project has led to positive social externalities.

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



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

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