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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	AGRIA FOOD PRODUCTION CAPACITY	
Project Number:	2023-0165	
Country:	Bulgaria	
Project Description:	The project consists of the construction and operation of a processing plant for the production of edible oil from oilseeds, as well as the acquisition of railcars for the transportation of edible oil.	
EIA required:	no	
Invest EU sustainability proofing required:	no	
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no	

(details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project falls under the scope of Annex II of EIA Directive 2014/52/EU (amending Directive 2011/92/EU) and was screened out by the local authorities.

The project takes place in an existing industrial area, located away from any nature conservation area. There are no environmentally sensitive zones affected by the project.

The plant is developed in compliance with national regulatory requirements and international standards for emissions abatement. The new plant will employ modern, efficient technologies, with low energy and resource consumptions and low level of emissions to the environment - in line with the Best Available Techniques for the sector. The plant will be SEVESO certified.

The generated waste is neither significant nor of a dangerous nature, and the corresponding and appropriate disposal mechanisms are established. The main emissions expected for the plant are the emissions to air and waste water. Used water is collected and sent to the communal wastewater, treated through a treatment facility, and sent to the urban sewage water network.

The project is not included in the EIB Carbon Footprint, as both the absolute (11.8 kT CO₂/year) and relative (8.5 kT CO₂/year) emissions are below the 20 kt CO₂-eq threshold.

The project is considered to be Paris aligned - both against low carbon and resilience goals - as it operates in the bio-economy sector, it's not in an energy intensive industry, as well as it's not included in any CBR-excluded activities. The project will therefore generate renewable thermal energy for self-consumption. The project will include a bio-mass boiler fed with discarded husks from the oil seed crushing and extraction process, for the generation of renewable energy, covering the entire demand for heat from the operations.

The project will generate renewable energy, by burning the discarded husks, and transforming them in thermal energy. The acquisition of railcars for the transportation of the edible oil is

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.



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considered as modal shift, by avoiding the transportation of the products by trucks. This component is considered to contribute substantially to climate mitigation.

Social Assessment, where applicable

The project will promote good working conditions and will provide a safe working environment for the employees.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

Not required as determined by the screen-out decision issued by the responsible environmental authorities.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The Promoter has a series of existing operations, which are ISCC (International Sustainability and Carbon Certification) certified, as well as an HACCP (Hazard analysis and critical control points) plan in accordance with the provisions of EN ISO 22000:2005. It is expected that, once operational, these certifications and standards to be also pursued by this plant.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Sustainability proofing conclusion: the project is carried out in compliance with applicable national and EU environmental and social legislation. Based on the environment, climate and social (ECS) information and based on the review of the likely significant ECS risks and impacts and the mitigation measures and management systems in place, the project is deemed to have low residual ECS risks and impacts. No further sustainability proofing is required.

Taking into account the capacity of the promoter and the systems in place to manage environmental and social impacts and issues, the project is acceptable for the Bank.