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## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

### Overview

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| Project Name:        | French Seeds R&D   |
| Project Number:      | 2018-0895  |
| Country:             | France   |
| Project Description: | The proposed operation is to fund the promoter's RDI (Research, Development and Innovation) activities related to the creation, development, registration and commercialization of new field crop and vegetable seed varieties for their use in agriculture. |

### 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 located in France, 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 the 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 was dedicated to the creation, development, and registration of varieties with characteristics such as drought and disease tolerance or resistance or varieties with higher nutrients uptake capacity or use efficiency. The project therefore brought about substantial externalities in the areas of environmental protection (reduced environmental footprint of agricultural activities) and climate resilience and adaptation.

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

EIB is of 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 appraisal.