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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	Cooperation in Science and Technology II
Project Number:	20220206
Country:	EU Regional
Project Description:	The Project supports the activities of the European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) association. COST finances, through competitive grants, the creation of interdisciplinary research networks, bringing together researchers, innovators and other professionals based in Europe and beyond, to collaborate on research topics.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

COST is an intergovernmental association funded by the European Commission under Horizon Europe to foster cooperation among scientists across Europe by providing a proven knowledge sharing and training platform. COST mainly provides grants to researchers for meetings, short term scientific missions, training, and dissemination of research findings. The Project therefore is of purely intangible nature. It includes training and networking activities for researchers that do not fall under Annex I or II of the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU.

Social Assessment

The COST is a funding instrument under the 'Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area' pillar of the EU's Horizon Europe framework programme for research and technological development. The Project supports the objective to improve access to excellence for researchers across the EU, in particular young researchers from countries with low innovation research environments.

COST and participants to COST activities are required to adhere to the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity and adhere to, apply, and enforce the highest principles of research integrity of reliability, honesty, respect, and accountability as depicted in the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity. Compliance with these principles must be ensured by the beneficiaries of the grants and will be monitored by the promoter. The grants can be revoked in case of non-compliance.

The Project contributes to gender equality. The Promoter's target is for female researchers to lead 50% of its activities, up from 48% currently.

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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Conclusions and Recommendations

The Project does not require an EIA and is expected to have a positive social impact in particular for young researchers and female researchers.

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

In light of the above, the Project is acceptable for financing in environmental and social terms.