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## Environmental and Social Data Sheet<sup>1</sup>

### Overview

Project Name:	WANDERCRAFT (IEU LS)
Project Number:	20230422
Country:	France
Project Description:	The project concerns the Promoter's development of a hands-free walk exoskeleton used for medical rehabilitation and to improve wheelchair patients' mobility.
EIA required:	no
Invest EU sustainability proofing required	yes
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>2</sup> :	no

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

The Promoter is a medical rehabilitation technology company focused on development and commercialization of exoskeletons for assist rehabilitation efforts and provide solutions for wheelchair patients to improve mobility.

The project concerns investments in research and development activities carried out by the Promoter and its partners in existing facilities without changing their already authorised scope. The research and development activities of the project do not fall under either Annex I or Annex II of the EU Directive 2011/92/EU amended by Directive 2014/52/EU.

#### Climate Assessment

The project has been assessed for Paris alignment and is considered to be aligned both against low carbon and resilience goals against the policies set out in the Climate Bank Roadmap and/or associated guidance and other relevant documents (e.g., the Energy Lending Policy).

The Promoter is in scope but screened out of the PATH framework as it does not operate in a high emitting sector and is not considered as a highly vulnerable counterpart.

<sup>1</sup> The information contained in the document reflects the requirement related to the environmental, social and climate information to be provided to Investment Committee as required by the Invest EU Regulation and it represents the equivalent of the information required in the template of the InvestEU sustainability proofing summary

<sup>2</sup> 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 CO<sub>2</sub>e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.



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## **Social Assessment**

The company ensures compliance with health and safety requirements in line with the relevant EU directives and guidelines for workplaces.

### **Other Environmental and Social Aspects**

If successful, the project will contribute to better social inclusion, higher quality of life and faster rehabilitation of patients with walking impairments. The exoskeleton technology has the potential to improve patients' independence and overall health status.

Through the R&D activities and investments, the project will aid the Promoter to create additional highly skilled RDI jobs, while positively contributing to European scientific innovation, hence fostering and nurturing the vital research community.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The Promoter has effective E&S policies and operating procedures in place, which are in line with industry standards.

The project concerns investments in research and development for which no significant residual impact on the environment is expected.

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.

Considering the above, taking into consideration the Environmental, Social and Climate impacts of this RDI project, including the capacity of the Promoter and the overall net positive social impact, this project is deemed acceptable for the Bank's financing under environmental and social terms.