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Environmental and Social Data Sheet¹

Overview

Project Name: *SAMANTREE (IEU LS)*
 Project Number: *2024-0551*
 Country: Belgium
 Project Description: The project supports the development of an advanced microscopy scanner for rapid imaging of the internal microstructure of tissue samples for interventional oncology.

EIA required: no
 Invest EU sustainability proofing required: yes
 Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise²: no

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The Promoter is a medical technology company focused on the development and commercialization of an advanced confocal microscopy scanner for interventional oncology procedures.

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 project is not listed under Annex I nor Annex II of the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU amended by Directive 2014/52/EU, so the project is not subject to an EIA Screening or an EIA procedure. The clinical trials are conducted in compliance with Regulation (EU) No 536/2014 and the Promoter complies with all the legal standards of anonymisation and data protection.

Climate Assessment

Research and development activities, such as those present in this project, neither present significant negative nor positive impacts for climate aspects.

¹ 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

² 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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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.

EIB Paris Alignment for Counterparties (PATH) Framework

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.

Social Assessment

The company's R&D activities and practices comply with relevant national and EU regulations and the Promoter maintains adequate internal procedures and management practices. The company has a sound Occupational Health and Safety policy, including a commitment to comply with legal requirements.

If successful, the project is expected to lead to important social benefits, considering the targeted indications and the level of unmet medical need.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

Through the R&D activities and investments, the Promoter is expected to sustain its current level of skilled personnel, while contributing to European scientific innovation, hence fostering and nurturing the vital research community.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The Promoter has effective 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 impact on the environment is expected. The research and development activities of the project do not fall under Annex I nor Annex II of the EU Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU, therefore an EIA is not required.

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.

Considering the above, the project is considered acceptable for Bank financing in environmental and social terms.