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## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

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Project Name:KWS Saat RDIProject Number:2019-0909Country:Germany

Project Description: Financing of RDI activities related to the creation, development, registration and commercialization of new field crop and vegetable seed varieties.

## Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

## EIB notes the following Environmental and Social performance and key outcomes at Project Completion.

The RDI were carried out within existing RDI facilities located in EU countries (mainly in Germany, France, Italy and the Netherlands). They did not imply the construction of new, nor the modification of the existing RDI facilities that could have trigger an EIA-IPPC permitting process under the provisions of the EU Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU. The research facilities hold valid operation permits approved by the competent authorities in each country in each case.

According to information provided by the promoter at the project completion, no significant issues of environmental and/or social nature have arisen during implementation, and all activities were conducted in compliance with applicable environmental and social standards.

A significant proportion of the RDI efforts is 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 generated substantial positive externalities in the areas of environmental protection (reduced environmental footprint of agricultural activities), food security and climate resilience and adaptation.

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

Based on reports provided by the promoter at project completion, the EIB concludes that the Project was implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.