

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	FRESH AGRO-INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURING PT
Project Number:	2025-0409
Country:	Portugal
Project Description:	The Project consists of the construction and operation of a greenfield food manufacturing plant in Santarém, Portugal (PT185, less developed region) for an SME (Group Fresh 52). The Project includes (i) 1 baby carrot processing line, (ii) 1 whole carrot processing line, (iii) ancillary equipment to operate the plant and (iv) specific agri-equipment.
E&S Risk categorisation	Medium as per paragraph 4.18 of E&S Policy
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>1</sup> :	no

### Environmental and Social Assessment

The Project falls under Annex II of the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by 2014/52/EU. The Project does not require an EIA as it is located in an industrial zone, and its production is inferior to the threshold mentioned in the national legislation transposing the EIA directive.

The Promoter confirmed that there are no other projects planned or scheduled in the area where the plant is to be installed. The Project is not in the direct vicinity of a Natura 2000 site and is not likely to have significant effects on Natural 2000 sites. The Promoter will confirm the screening decision of the competent authorities for EIA and Habitat Directive compliance.

The Promoter has received the agreement of the competent authorities on the prior information procedure for the construction and the water permits. EIB will require all permits before the disbursement.

A wastewater treatment plant will be installed. Water reuse is part of the processing plant's design, leading to a re-use of an estimated 30% of the process water.

To ensure agricultural practices aligned with food safety and sustainability requirements, farmers will be Global G.A.P IFA/GFS certified, including for the SPRING module to ensure adequate water management. Additionally, the Promoter supports farmers in implementing a reasoned fertilisation and pest management system, and incentivise them to adopt regenerative agriculture techniques.

The Project has been assessed for Paris alignment and is considered as aligned both against low carbon and resilience goals against the policies set out in the Climate Bank Roadmap, and particularly to the Table E, Bioeconomy of the EIB's low carbon framework.

The Promoter's baby carrot production line is aligned with best available techniques. As it is based on a year-round production, processing, and delivery, the process does not require steam production or positive cold storage. This reduces the energy consumption, estimated to a saving of 1 kt CO<sub>2</sub>-eq per year. The equipment line is therefore considered to be contributing to the Climate Change Mitigation's objective of the EIB.

<sup>1</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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The promoter will communicate, to the satisfaction of the Bank, an integrated Environmental and Social Management System before start of production.

The Promoter intends to mitigate social and environmental risks in its supply chain by implementing SEDEX audits.

Long term contracts will be signed with farmers.

## Conclusions and Recommendations

Based on the information available and with appropriate conditions and monitoring, the Project is acceptable for EIB financing in environmental and social terms.

Contractual requirements:

Conditions:

- All permits to be provided to the Bank, before first disbursement.

Undertakings:

- BRC, GlobalG.A.P. certification
- SEDEX Audit

Information to be provided:

- To the satisfaction of the Bank, an integrated Environmental and Social Management System.
- Provide the Competent Authority's EIA screening decision.
- Inform the Bank about any change/modification/extension of the Project or new cumulative impacts that could trigger an EIA, Article 6(3) assessment, or IPPC permitting process, following EIA directive 2011/92/EU amended by 2014/52/EU and IED directive 2010/75/EU.
- A description of any major issue with impact on the environment or social impacts (particularly relevant for the ESCS).