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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name: LACTUNION MODERNIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT CAPEX
Project Number: 2025-0337
• Country: France

Project Description: The project aims to support the French dairy cooperative Lact'Union in its investments to expand, modernise, and decarbonise the manufacturing process for UHT dairy-based products during the period 2025–2029.

Invest EU sustainability proofing required no

E&S Risk categorisation Medium as per paragraph 4.18 of E&S Policy

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise: no

Environmental and Social Assessment

The Project entails the financing of the industrial development programme of Lactunion for the period 2025-2029. The industrial development programme aims at 1) increasing the manufacturing capacity for UHT milk-based products, especially formulated products for the specialised infant and medical nutrition market, 2) increasing storage capacity to meet the longer storage requirements for formulated UHT products, 3) supporting resource efficiency and decarbonation of the heat generation system in one of the manufacturing facilities.

The Project will be implemented in three production facilities on two existing industrial sites with existing environmental and operating permits. Local authorities have screened out the project and therefore it does not fall under Directive 2014/52/EU, amending 2011/92/EU. However, some individual project sub-components will require an authorisation according to national legislation on classified facilities for environmental protection (*ICPE - Installations classified for environmental protection*).

Environmental Assessment

Three Natura 2000 sites are located within a 5 km radius of the Abbeville production facility. Given the nature of the Project, no significant impact is anticipated on the conservation status of the species for which these sites were designated.

In line with the EIB Carbon Footprint methodology, the Project's estimated absolute GHG emissions are 12.1 kt CO₂-eq/year. These emissions originate from Scope 1 and Scope 2 sources, primarily linked to energy consumption in the processing facilities. The Project does not result in any upstream increase in milk production as the Promoter will increase the production of formulated products that have a lower milk content than UHT products in its current production mix. The relative GHG emissions are estimated at -1.4 kt CO₂-eq/year, reflecting reductions achieved through energy efficiency measures, including the modernisation

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of a production line and the upgrade of refrigeration systems with new energy-efficient chillers using low global warming potential refrigerants.

Climate Assessment

The project has been assessed for Paris alignment. It is aligned with both low carbon and resilience of the policies set out in the Paris alignment framework – Low carbon v1.1 and particularly the table E, bioeconomy, maximising resource efficiency along the value chain from farm to fork.

EIB Paris Alignment for Counterparties (PATH) Framework

The counterparty Lactunion is in scope and screened out of the PATH framework, because it is not considered high emitting or high vulnerability.

Social Assessment

The project will support rural employment and is expected to enable producers to invest in animal welfare-friendly practices and low greenhouse gas (GHG) emission solutions, in line with the promoter's commitments to support farmers in these fields.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The promoter holds several certifications including International Food Standard certification, Ecocert certification for its organic certified production.

Conclusions and Recommendations

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 ECS risks and impacts and the mitigation measures and management systems in place, the project is deemed to have low residual ECS risks. No further sustainability proofing is required.