

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	ACS RDI
Project Number:	2008 0102
Country:	Spain
Project Description:	The project concerns a range of RDI activities in different sectors, most of them related to sustainable transport and related infrastructure, as well as renewable energy generation and storage.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment, including key issues and overall conclusion and recommendation

The project concerns the investments in research and development that are expected to be carried out in existing facilities, already authorized for the same purpose. The project would therefore not require an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) under the Directive 2011/92/EU. The potential impacts of some of the capex investments, directly involved in the R&D activities, have also been examined, and these do not require an EIA.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The promoter's mobility related activities are mostly IT and software development and are focused on improving the logistics and urban traffic conditions, many times emphasizing and contributing to modernize the operation of the public transport fleet.

The energy related activities are focused on renewable energy generation - solar and wind. It includes the development of auxiliary equipment and infrastructure supporting the generation units.

Hence, positive environmental externalities are expected as a consequence of the project, although, as any industrial activity, it will still add to the environmental load.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The promoter has demonstrated environmental and social capabilities. As a not integrated industrial group, the promoter does not have a corporate (ACS SCE – Servicios, Comunicaciones y Energía) certification. Nevertheless, the promoter has confirmed that all its industrial subsidiaries, i.e. SICE, ETRA, and COBRA – and sub-subsidiaries, are ISO 14000 certified.

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¹ Only projects that meet the scope of the Pilot Exercise, as defined in the EIB draft Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: above 100 000 tons CO₂e/year absolute (gross) or 20 000 tons CO₂e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.