

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	EU FUNDS CO-FINANCING GALICIA
Project Number:	20130069
Country:	Spain
Project Description:	Co-financing of priority investments within the scope of the 2007-13 Regional Operating Programme of Galicia, a Convergence region. The project aims at financing goals identified in the Regional Strategic Reference Framework, integrated within the 2007-2013 National Strategic Reference Framework, and targets the following objectives: to promote and boost the regional economy, to increase the competitiveness of the productive fabric through knowledge and innovation, to increase social and territorial cohesion of Galicia by improving skill levels, to promote the quality of employment and social inclusion and to strengthen the synergy between growth and sustainable development.
EIA required:	This is a multi-scheme operation. Some of the schemes may fall under Annex I or II of the EIA Directive and be screened in. The Promoter shall deliver to the Bank the NTS of EIAs, where applicable, before the Bank funds are allocated.

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise¹: no

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

The Regional Programme covers several sectors of society, concerning a large number of schemes in different sectors and different locations in Galicia. Each ROP axis has its own particular environmental and social impacts. Apart from large infrastructure schemes works that are expected to have some negative impacts during the construction and implementation period, the overall environmental net impact is positive. Waste water, road and motorways schemes are not included in this project.

Given the nature of the operation and the procedures concerning EIA and nature protection put in place by the competent authorities in Galicia, the Structural Programme Loan is acceptable in environmental terms. The overall net environmental and social impact of the operation is positive, and it's expected to improve the environmental and social conditions for the inhabitants in the Galicia region.

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.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The Galicia Regional Operation Programme (ROP) 2007-2013 was subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment, in accordance with the EU SEA Directive 2001/42/EC. The SEA was drawn up in such a way that for each expenditure category the environmental impact was assessed. For the monitoring of the ROP, approximately 32 environmental indicators were defined. The SEA was carried out and completed in 2007, including the compulsory public consultation. Most axis are expected to have limited or close to no negative impacts, for example, Axis 3 "Environment, protection of natural resources, management, distribution and treatment of water, risk prevention". The most significant negative impacts are expected under Axis 4 "Transport and Energy" where the impacts may be considerable, in particular during the construction phase. Once the construction works have been completed, the impact will be smaller. However, it is expected that there will be permanent residual impact from certain large transport schemes, such as motorways.

Should any scheme included under this Structural Programme Loan require an EIA, it would be subject to the Bank's standard review and publication of the non-technical summary of the EIA. The Promoter will be required to act in accordance with the provisions of the relevant EU Directives, including the SEA, EIA, Habitats and Birds Directives. The Promoter shall verify the compliance of the schemes with the relevant and applicable rules of the European Union legislation, in particular in the fields of environment. The Promoter shall deliver to the Bank a confirmation or equivalent that the schemes have no significant impact on nature sites of Community Importance or their equivalents, as well as the NTS of EIAs where applicable.

Some of the schemes in the operation may fall under Annex I or II of the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU. Furthermore, some of the schemes in the programme may have an impact on protected sites and the Promoter will be required to act according to the provisions of the Habitats and Birds Directives.

No negative social impacts are foreseen, on the contrary it is expected that the overall social impacts of the projects will be positive. The everyday life of the inhabitants and associated social relations and routines will be improved thanks to improved mobility, improved public infrastructure, social facilities and better employment opportunities.

EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise

Project is not included - the EIB draft Carbon Footprint Methodologies only include emissions from Investment Loans, and large allocations under Framework Loans, above the methodology thresholds.