

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	<i>Castilla y León Climate Change</i>
Project Number:	<i>2011-0639</i>
Country:	<i>Spain</i>
Project Description:	<i>Framework loan to co-finance investments in biomass heat boilers, small DH networks and energy efficient lighting for public clients in the region.</i>
EIA required:	Certain schemes might fall under Annex II of the EIA Directive and could be subject to EIA. The Promoter will ensure compliance with the relevant Directives.
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

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

The environmental impact of most of the renewable energy and energy efficiency investments targeted by the project is likely to be limited, with no significant negative residual effects. They will generally generate positive environmental impacts, notably by reducing GHG emissions. In addition, the project is expected to deliver other environmental benefits as: (i) improved forest fires prevention by silviculture activities in the young forests and extraction of combustible from the forests; (ii) enhancing the sustainability of the forestry sector by promoting the traditional and alternative use of forest resources as biomass feedstock, (iii) diminished light contamination as a result of improved public lighting.

Due to their technical characteristics, however, some of the investments may fall under Annex II of the EIA-Directive 1997/11/EC, leaving it to the competent authority to decide whether or not an EIA is required. Energy efficiency schemes might also be made subject to an environmental impact assessment under Annex II.

The environmental capacity of the Promoter has been assessed by the Bank as satisfactory. The promoter will ensure compliance with national and European environmental and nature regulations and facilitate the access by the public to environmentally relevant information in accordance with the Bank's Transparency Policy. In case any of the sub-projects qualify for an EIA the promoter shall make the relevant NTS available to the Bank for publication. The criteria to be considered by the Promoter concerning compliance with the Bank's environmental requirements will be defined in the finance contract, including on the sustainability of biomass feedstock (in line with EU sustainability criteria). The Promoter will also be required to verify that none of the schemes submitted for part-financing by the Bank have a significant negative impact on any site of nature conservation importance (Habitat, Natura 2000). The promoter will be required to provide confirmation to this effect from the competent authority.

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.

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Under these terms, it is considered that any environmental issues of individual sub-schemes will be appropriately assessed by the Promoter and thereby ensure compliance with the Bank's standards.