

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	SAB WIRTSCHAFTSFOERDERUNG SACHSEN
Project Number:	2013-0240
Country:	Germany
Project Description:	Framework Loan to finance the Free State of Saxony's contribution to EU- and national grant programmes in Convergence Regions. The EIB loan will target Saxony's grant schemes dedicated to the achievement of "priority axis 3" enhancing the competitiveness of the manufacturing industry (SMEs and Mid-Caps)."
EIA required:	The promoter undertakes to submit to the Bank the NTS (Non-Technical Summary) of the Environmental Impact Assessment as per directive 2011/92/EU for any capital investments of the project requiring an EIA, prior the utilisation of the Bank's funds for the specific parts of the project.
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>1</sup> :	no.

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

The project is a multi-sector/multi-scheme operation and the Bank requests the Promoter to comply with relevant environmental legislation.

The project will finance research activities (nearly 30% of the total cost) in various sectors and by various entities. Although the sub-projects are not known at that stage, some activities may e.g. use hazardous substances that may have minor negative impacts for which appropriate mitigation measures are planned.

The EIA Directive 2011/92/EU and its Annexes I and II do not specifically mention research activities as needing EIA. However for any new and large facility of the project that would be considered an urban development project and would fall under the Annex II.10.b., the local competent authority may require a specific EIA. In that case, the promoter should make the Non-Technical Summary (NTS) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) available to the EIB prior to the Bank's funding being used. For schemes not requiring an EIA, either a reasoned statement from the competent authority as to why an EIA was not necessary or a statement from the Promoter explaining why the scheme in question falls outside the scope of the EU EIA directive, and Nature/Biodiversity Assessments or equivalent documents supporting the compliance with the EU EIA, Habitats and Birds Directives) should be remain available to the Bank.

By the nature and project and the promoter capacity to implement the project properly the project is "acceptable with minor negative residual risks".

<sup>1</sup> 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 CO<sub>2</sub>e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tons CO<sub>2</sub>e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

## **Environmental and Social Assessment**

### **Environmental Assessment**

Under a framework loan for SMEs and Mid-Caps, the project will finance sub-projects – which are not known at this stage – in various economic sectors and undertaken by various enterprises and research institutions. Given the limited size of the grants attributed, potential negative impacts of the subsidized investments due to construction activities are not foreseen at this stage. The project will also finance research activities which may lead to the use of hazardous materials that may have minor negative impacts for which appropriate mitigation measures are planned.

The project is expected to have no impact on Natura 2000 sites (falling under Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC or Birds Directive 79/409/EEC) but the promoter will be requested to provide information about impacts on Natura 2000 areas and due authorisations by competent authorities.

### **Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement, where required**

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.

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