

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	ELECTROLUX WHITE GOODS RDI
Project Number:	2012-0520
Country:	SWEDEN, ITALY, GERMANY
Project Description:	The project comprises a selection of the promoter's planned expenditures in Research, Development and Innovation for the development of energy efficient white goods and small home electric appliances. The financing supports the promoter's leading research in improved performance, user-friendliness, lower energy consumption and lower use of resources for a range of such household goods. The project will be carried out in the promoter's R&D centres in Sweden, Italy, Germany and to a lesser extent in other smaller R&D facilities in the EU in the period 2014-2016.
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 activities will be carried out in existing facilities and laboratories that will not change their scope due to the project, and that are already covered by environmental permits. In the light of this and the immaterial nature of the financed activities, the project does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) as per Directive 2011/92/EU.

The promoter has a well-developed sustainability strategy that focuses both on managing social, ethical and environmental risks and on developing emerging opportunities around new products, materials, and markets.

The project aims at developing new and better performing white goods and small electric appliances, that consume less electricity, with higher degree of recycled materials, with improved end-of-life recyclability and that use less resources (such as raw material in production or water during operation).

The project, if successful, is therefore expected to bring positive environmental impact and as such is considered eligible for the Bank's financing.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The sustainability report, which is included in the Annual Report, is reviewed by the company's auditors, PriceWaterhouse Coopers. Third party assurance of compliance with ISO 14001 is implemented annually at all certified facilities. Electrolux operates 20 plants in Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe. In order to integrate management procedures throughout the Group, Electrolux runs training programs covering ISO 14001, the Code of Conduct, safety and human resource programs.

The company policy foresees that an environmental management system is to be implemented for each business area's entire operation. All manufacturing units with at least

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 tonnes CO₂e/year absolute (gross) or 20 000 tonnes CO₂e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

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50 employees are mandated to be certified according to ISO 14001; currently almost all facilities are certified with the exception of the newly acquired units as they must complete the certification process within three years after acquisition. Reducing energy use is a Group objective. Reduction targets are implemented, however, primarily through the Electrolux Manufacturing System (EMS), a global program for implementation of efficient production. In addition, the EMS is used to monitor and eliminate waste and increase safety and quality within production processes.

Besides, Electrolux has, for the third consecutive year, been ranked highest as Industry Leader Household Durables (out of 10 companies) in RobecoSAM's Sustainability Yearbook, an annual rating of companies' sustainability performance.