

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	PURATOS RDI
Project Number:	20110574
Country:	Belgium
Project Description:	Financing Puratos' RDI programme focused in particular on the development of new enzymes and nutritional components.
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 RDI activities which form the basis of the project proposed at appraisal will not change the current RDI practices and will be carried out within existing research centres or production facilities without significantly adding to their environmental load. The RDI programme provided at appraisal does not foresee any investments which might fall under EIA Directive 2011/92/EU and/or the IPPC Directive 1/08/EC.

A significant part of the Promoter's research effort goes towards reducing inputs, including energy, reducing spoilage during processing and storage, and increasing yields without recourse to GMO technologies. Successful RDI outcomes should therefore have a positive impact on the carbon footprint of the Promoter's large client base, and free-off potential agricultural production capacity for the wider world.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The Promoter is ISO 14001 (Environment) certified and is regularly inspected for compliance by the relevant environmental and health authorities.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The Group's policy objectives include specific actions to improve the nutritional quality of its products, with programmes to reduce fat, sugar and cholesterol levels. This will have positive impact on public health.

There are also research initiatives relating to reducing post-purchase spoilage levels; reducing the volume of food wasted by consumers, and so freeing up agricultural production which would then be available in wider markets.

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.

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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.