

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name: PUBLIC R&D PROGRAMS SPAIN  
 Project Number: 2012-0468  
 Country: SPAIN  
 Project Description: This public RDI investment programme launched by the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (MINECO) concerns the funding of selected RDI activities, as part of a nation-wide strategy to improve Spanish competitiveness. These investments, which are allocated via competitive calls for tender, form part of the implementation process of the Spanish Strategy for Science Technology and Innovation 2013 (STI). The beneficiaries of RDI funds (researchers and institutions) are located in all regions of Spain.

EIA required: no

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. It includes operational training and RDI activities that do not fall under Annex I or II of the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU. Most of these activities are expected to be carried out in existing facilities already used for the same purpose. Even in the few cases where new constructions will be necessary they will be in already approved/built urban areas, therefore without the need of EIA. No impacts are foreseen on Natura 2000 sites as per Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC or Birds Directive 79/409/EEC. Possible activities in the Antarctic area will comply with specific international legislation.

The project elements must comply with international principles and applicable norms concerning bioethics, animal experimentation, biosecurity, protection of the environment, natural heritage, bio-diversity and data protection. This compliance must be ensured by the beneficiaries of the aid and will be monitored by the promoter. The aid can be revoked in case of non-compliance.

Overall the project is considered acceptable for the Bank's financing with minor negative residual impacts.

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

Regarding the application of the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU to the project, only the expansion or construction of large education and/or RDI facilities could fall under its Annex II as urban development projects, which is not planned.

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

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The RDI actions included shall comply with international principles and applicable norms concerning bioethics, animal experimentation, biosecurity, protection of the environment and workers health, natural heritage, biodiversity and data protection. This compliance must be ensured by the beneficiaries of the aid. A monitoring indicator of compliance is included in current calls for tenders which will be confirmed by a legal representative of the beneficiary and regularly followed up. During the public sessions devoted to the monitoring of the aid the researchers are questioned about the respect of the different regulations. If non-compliances are detected, the project may be subject to a revocation report and the evaluation of future projects with the beneficiary will be affected too.