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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	AIRBUS WIDEBODY EFFICIENCY RDI
Project Number:	2014-0591
Country:	France
Project Description:	The project concerns the RDI activities for the development of a new generation wide body aircraft, with improved energy efficiency and reduced fuel consumption and operating costs, while improving the aircraft operational safety.
EIA required:	no

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

The RDI activities of the project are expected to be carried out in existing R&D centres without changing their already authorised scope. This type of RDI activities is not listed in the Directive 2011/92/EU, an EIA is therefore not needed.

The project leads to increased environmental sustainability through optimised and more energy efficient aircraft. The project will contribute helping the aviation industry to match the objectives set for civil aerospace by 2050, by the Advisory Council for Aviation Research and Innovation in Europe (ACARE).

The promoter has given evidence of its commitment to achieving its environmental goals through innovation, research, product development, manufacturing and maintenance activities, and by driving continual improvement throughout the product life cycle. The project will allow significant fuel savings and will therefore contribute to absolute and relative CO_2 and NOx emission reductions per seat. However, due to the expected upcoming increase of the volume of air transport, the operation of aircraft will still add to the environmental load, as not all the operating aircraft will be replaced by the project outcome.

The project is acceptable for financing by the Bank.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement, where required

Airbus strives to be an eco-efficient enterprise. It has earned the ISO 14001 environmental certification for all production sites. Airbus aims to ensure that air transport continues to be an eco-efficient means of transport, delivering economic value while minimizing its environmental impact.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The promoter is closely linked to the local communities in the different countries it is located, where the spill over of its directly and indirectly generated social benefits are tangible through employment opportunities, economic stability, high skilled educational centres, other industrial activities, services, etc.. Finally, the project will also contribute to the further dissemination of knowledge, through its links with other industrial partners, contributing to economic growth and industrial sector consolidation.

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