

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	SWIETELSKY RAILTRACK TECH RDI
Project Number:	2014-0510
Country:	AUSTRIA
Project Description:	The project concerns the RDI of new integrated multi task systems for rail track rehabilitation and maintenance, for standard and high speed rails, aiming at higher and more efficient operability, and lower rail network closure.
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

Research and development activities are not specifically mentioned under the EIA Directive. The project's activities will be carried out in existing facilities without changing their already authorised scope. An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is therefore not required by EIA Directive 2011/92/EU.

As it concerns RDI activities, the project per se does not have a material impact on the environment. However, the outcome of the RDI activities is expected to yield favourable environmental benefits. The on-track rail maintenance equipment covered by the project allows for increased recycling of existing ballast at the rail refurbishment site, which reduces the need for energy-intensive and polluting transportation of ballast to and from the site. Furthermore, thanks to its ability to operate at night, and with increased flexibility, the equipment developed through the project would allow for reduced maintenance downtime of intensively used railway lines. By increasing the utilisation rate of railway tracks, the project also indirectly serves to increase the productivity of existing railway infrastructure.

Considering all the above, the project is acceptable for Bank financing.

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Other Environmental and Social Aspects

- **Company policy and external certification**

The promoter is certified and applies health, safety, environmental protection and quality standards ISO 14001, 18001, and 9001.

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<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.