

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	<i>BRANDENBURG FORSCHUNG IV</i>
Project Number:	<i>2015-0097</i>
Country:	<i>Germany</i>
Project Description:	Co-financing of the eligible investments of the Federal State of Brandenburg in research performed by academic staff and scientists as well as capital investments in scientific equipment from 2016 to 2018. The beneficiary institutions are the three public academic universities, three public universities of applied sciences (UAS) and the 12 public research institutes affiliated with the Max-Planck Society and the Wilhelm-Gottfried-Leibniz Society, respectively. The purpose of the project is to support the organic growth of the beneficiary institutions and to further strengthen their research capacity.
EIA required:	No
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	No
(details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")	

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

University R&D as well as R&D of public research infrastructures is not specifically covered by Annexes I & II of the Directive 2011/92/EU; the R&D activities included in this project will not materially change current R&D practices and will be carried out to a large extent within existing facilities, with no new construction included in the project scope. No EIA according to the Directive 2011/92/EC is therefore required.

Some of the laboratories included in the project handle toxic materials and toxic waste as part of their activities. Being only small quantities, the promoter has indicated that none of the laboratories falls under the Seveso Directive, and all the laboratories activities are handled according to the operating permits.

Some of the activities of the University and public research organisations relate to environmental issues as well as energy efficiency and renewable energies. The outcome of these R&D activities is therefore expected to provide positive results in environmental terms.

Overall, the project is considered acceptable for the Bank's financing, with positive or neutral environmental impacts.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The R&D activities included in this project will not materially change current R&D practices and will be carried out to a large extent within existing facilities, making use of existing

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.

installations. An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) according to the Directive 2011/92/EC is therefore not required.

Social Assessment, where applicable

A part of the R&D activities included in the project relate to Humanities and Social Science, with the aim to perform R&D on the diverse challenges our society is facing.

The clinical trials which are included in the project are performed under regulated and strictly controlled conditions, in existing specialised facilities under the supervision of the competent authorities - EMEA in Europe. The promoter has indicated that recruitment of patients is performed in accordance with the European directive (2001/20/EC) and the Good Clinical Practice Directive (Directive 2005/28/EC).

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

Some of the research organisations and facilities are active in the fields of renewable energies and the development of new technologies for energy efficiency. The results of the research performed by these components of the project are expected to have a positive impact on the environment.