

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	SONACA R&D PROGRAMME
Project Number:	2016-0270
Country:	BELGIUM
Project Description:	The project covers its investments in research, development and innovation and some related advanced manufacturing technology fixed capital expenditures. The project will be implemented at the promoter's main engineering and manufacturing centre in Belgium over the period 2016 to 2019.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

(details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project does not entail per se an expansion of production capacity. The upgrade of the existing emission abatement systems and waste processing equipment, which represents a part of the capital investments included in the finance project, will improve the environmental performance of the Gosselies factory. On the other hand, the newly installed production machinery will be more efficient than the existing ones that are replacing and as such are expected to improve the promoter's environmental performance.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental considerations are well embedded into the promoter's procedures. The main manufacturing site in Gosselies is certified ISO 14001:2004, and covering the design, manufacturing, installation of aerospace systems and components and related service.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The project concerns investments in Research, Development and innovation as well as capital investments in new equipment and related infrastructure that will be carried out in existing facilities that will not change their already authorized scope and would therefore not require an EIA under the Directive 2011/92/EU, as amended.

The project, if successful, will allow the promoter to develop and produce innovative lightweight components that will entail a reduction of fuel consumption for civil aircrafts.

In the light of the above the project is eligible for the Bank's financing with positive or no negative residual impacts.

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.