

## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

### Overview

Project Name:	<i>BRANDENBURG FORSCHUNG III</i>
Project Number:	2013-0096
Country:	<i>Germany</i>
Project Description:	Co-financing of the eligible investments of the Federal State of Brandenburg in the knowledge production and research performed by academic staff and scientists as well as capital investments in research infrastructure and scientific equipment in 2013-2015. The purpose of the project was to enhance the quality and efficiency of scientific work and augment academic research activities undertaken at 3 public universities and 5 Fachhochschulen as well as 18 public research institutes affiliated with the Max-Planck Society, the Wilhelm-Gottfried-Leibniz Foundation, the Helmholtz Association and the Fraunhofer Foundation.

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

#### **EIB notes the following key Environmental and Social outcomes at Project Completion.**

The project included salaries of R&D staff and purchases of R&D equipment. The included R&D activities were carried out within existing facilities, making use of existing installation. Such activities create intangible (new knowledge and scientific discoveries), which do not fall under the Directive 2011/92/EC as amended by 2014/52/EU on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

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. These activities generally provide positive results in environmental terms.

#### **Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:**

Based on the promoter reports and based on the site visit by the EIB team during the appraisal of Brandenburg Forschung IV, EIB is of the opinion that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.