

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	POLAND UNIVERSITY RESEARCH SUPPORT IV
Project Number:	2017-0102
Country:	Poland
Project Description:	Financing of research and development activities undertaken in public universities and public scientific institutes in 2017 and 2018. The activities are located in all regions of Poland and are supervised by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

The project includes intangible research expenditures. The included R&D activities will be 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 as amended by 2014/52/EU on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

#### Other Environmental and Social Aspects

Since the project supports research undertaken in public universities and public scientific institutes and due to wide scope of the research activities varying from natural sciences, to engineering and technology and further to humanities, it is expected to provide positive environmental and social outcomes.

Some of the laboratories included in the project handle toxic materials and toxic waste as part of the activities while other carry out experiments with living animals. The promoter has confirmed that they comply with all relevant legal provisions, notably Directives 2012/18/EU on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances and 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes, where applicable.

### Conclusions and Recommendations

As the project does not cover any major construction works and the handling of dangerous substances and activities involving live animals for experimental and scientific purposes are according to the Promoter in compliance with the Directive 2010/63/EU and checked and controlled by competent authorities, no significant impact is expected on the environment. The funded activities are expected to bring about positive environmental and societal outcomes in a number of research fields. The project is acceptable for the Bank's financing.