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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	POLAND SCIENCE & RESEARCH NATIONAL CENTRES IV
Project Number:	2017-0101
Country:	Poland
Project Description:	Financing of the operations of the National Science Centre (NSC) and the National Centre for Research and Development (NCRD) in 2017 and 2018 under the guidance of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education. The NSC finances mainly basic research grants while the NCRD finances grants for applied research and development activities. The beneficiaries of the grants are located in all regions of the country.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

The project furthers the EU priority objectives of ET2020 and Cohesion Policy as well as aims at implementing Horizon 2020 as it distributes governmental funding through the two Centres for research projects undertaken by public and private research entities across the country.

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

Part of the institutes funding is yearly allocated for climate change related research including variety of topics from basic research related to the use of renewable energy sources like municipal waste to more applied research including for example research to improve the quality of electrical energy in order to reduce the negative impact on environment. Based on the information provided by the Promoter it is estimated that 8 % of the project's funding supports climate action.

Some of the laboratories receiving funds from National Centres 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.