

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	SECURITY AND COMMUNICATION R&D
Project Number:	2016-1015
Country:	France
Project Description:	The R&D programme comprises the development of several new and the enhancement of existing software products for civil applications. The R&D activities will be carried in France.
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 newly developed software products are not directly geared towards the reduction of environmental impacts, however, there are several use cases in which the applications will enable a better environmental performance of a given business process. Particularly, the new developments regarding predictive maintenance and aerodynamic simulations for industrial and automotive applications should help reduce environmental impacts in these sectors.

Due to the nature of the company as being a pure software vendor, the main focus of the corporate social responsibility is on the reduction of the electricity consumption and the waste reduction. In the main French sites suitable measures have been put in place including a guideline regarding good environmental practice. The achievements of the measures are annually published within the financial report.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The project activities do not fall under Annexes I and II of the EU Directive 2014/52/EU amending the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, and are therefore not subject to mandatory Environmental Impact Assessments.

The proposed investments concern RDI activities for software development which will be carried out within existing own or rented office type facilities already used for similar activities. Therefore, the project has been classified as acceptable in environmental terms.

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.