

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	EU FUNDS CASTILLA-LA MANCHA CO-FINANCING 2014-20
Project Number:	2015-0202
Country:	Spain
Project Description:	Multi-sector Structural Programme Loan operation co-financing investments in line with the objectives established under the Regional Operational Programme (ROP) and the European Social Fund.
EIA required:	This is a multi-scheme, multi-sector Structural Programme Loan operation. Some of the schemes may require an EIA under Annex I or Annex II ("screened in") of the EIA Directive.
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>1</sup> :	no
(details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")	

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

This multi-sector Structural Programme Loan operation will support the smart and sustainable economic development of the Autonomous Community of Castilla-La Mancha (CLM) by co-financing investments in line with the objectives established under the Regional Operational Programme (FEDEROP) and the European Social Fund (FSEOP), developed within the Spanish Partnership Agreement framework. The FEDEROP and FSEOP investments co-financed by the Bank will comprise small schemes in the areas of education; combatting social exclusion; research, development and innovation (RDI); information, communications and technology (ICT); efficient use of resources; water security and sanitation; SMEs and employment promotion. Schemes belonging to eligible sectors but beyond those co-financed by the EU may also be eligible under this operation. The regional government has decided to use the Integrated Territorial Investment (ITI) instrument to pursue the territorial balance between urban and rural areas.

The investment includes components related to climate change, mitigation and adaption, mainly targeting flood and fires prevention.

The SEA and EIA Directives have both been transposed into Spanish legislation in December 2013 by the 21/2013 Act of Environmental Evaluation, covering programmes, plans, and projects. Castilla-La Mancha's current legislation is the 4/2007 Regional Act which complements the national legislation and adapts it to the regional circumstances. The competent authority for the evaluation of SEAs and EIAs is the Department of Environment within the Regional Government. The Competent Authority applies the transparency principle in all its environment evaluation activities.

<sup>1</sup> 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 CO<sub>2</sub>e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tons CO<sub>2</sub>e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

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The FEDEROP 2014-2020 was subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in line with the SEA Directive No. 2001/42/EC, and the relevant non-technical summary (NTS) has been provided to and published by the Bank. The Project contributes to the environmental objectives of the European Union (2010-2050) related to energy, greenhouse gas emission, air quality, water and responsible production and consumption.

### **Social Assessment**

No separate social assessment has been carried out. However, the operations are expected to have significant positive social externalities due to an increase in the job opportunities and improvement of the training, education and social inclusion measures.

### **Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement**

The SEA of the FEDEROP has been carried out with positive outcome, including public consultation and appropriate assessment of the Natura 2000 areas. In addition, if a scheme is subject to EIA, adequate public consultation will take place in the process.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The Promoter will be required to act according to the provisions of the relevant EU Directives, including SEA (2001/42/EC), EIA (2014/52/EU amending the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU), Habitats (92/43/EEC) and Birds (2009/147/EC) Directives as transposed into national law. In projects where applicable, the Promoter will be requested to deliver the NTS and EIAs to the Bank to be published on the EIB website before Bank funds are allocated. Furthermore, the Promoter has to provide evidence of the compliance with the Habitats and Birds Directives (if applicable) before the Bank funds are allocated.

Overall, the net environmental and social impact of this operation is expected to be positive (i.e. investments in innovation and skills, sustainable transport, education, renewable energy, energy efficiency, pollution abatement in compliance with relevant EU environmental directives, etc.). Potential negative effects (e.g. dust and noise during construction) will be alleviated by implementing effective mitigation measures.

The institutional capacity of the Promoter to manage the environmental and social issues is deemed adequate and therefore, subject to the conditions mentioned above, the Project is acceptable to the Bank in environmental and social terms.