

Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

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| Project Name: | POLAND SCIENCE & RESEARCH NATIONAL CENTRES III |
| Project Number: | 2015-0180 |
| Country: | Poland |
| Project Description: | |

The Project concerns Research, Development and Innovation activities (RDI) to be supported by grants to be launched by two public agencies, namely the National Centre for Science (NCS) and the National Centre for Research and Development (NCRD), the Agencies. The funding is promoted by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education (MSHE) and covers the MSHE budgetary allocations for 2015 and 2016 for the two Agencies, within a well-defined strategic science framework. Research teams working in public scientific institutes, universities and also business enterprises (the latter for NCRD only) could compete for the grants in all territory of Poland. The NCS procures and finances basic research projects (stages 1-2 on the EIB RDI), while the NCRD procures and finances applied research and development projects (stages 3-6 on the EIB RDI scale).

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

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

Environmental Assessment

The project includes intangible research expenditures. The included R&D activities were carried out within authorised existing facilities. These activities did not fall under the EU EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, EIA).

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

Part of the Agencies' funding was allocated for research related to climate change. Some of the laboratories receiving funds from the Agencies handle toxic materials and toxic waste as part of the activities while others carried out experiments with live animals.

The promoter has confirmed that they complied 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.



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Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

The funded activities were expected to bring about positive environmental and societal outcomes in a number of research fields. The project was assessed as having no adverse impacts on the environment, The promoter has confirmed compliance with all applicable Directives. No significant environment or social issues were noted.

Based on reports from the promoter, the 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.