

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	<i>Portuguese Ports Private Investments Plan 2017-19</i>
Project Number:	<i>2017</i>
Country:	<i>Portugal</i>
Project Description:	<i>The project consists of investments in the maritime container terminals in the ports of Leixões (Porto) and Alcântara (Lisboa). The investments include civil works and equipment to expand the capacity and improve efficiency</i>
EIA required:	<i>subject to screening decision</i>
Project included in	
Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	<i>no</i>

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Environmental Assessment

The Promoter is a private company operating several different port terminals across the world.

The container terminals where the project will be implemented are located inside the existing ports service area. The project will be fully implemented in the existing area of each terminal currently under concession. No extension works or works outside the current terminal limits will be undertaken. The works consist mainly in reinforcement of pavements and upgrade of services & utilities, buildings and handling equipment.

As such, the project falls into Annex II of the Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU, requiring a screening decision from the Competent Authority. The Promoter has prepared a summary of the project main characteristics and features (including capacity impacts) for each location and will submit both to the Competent Authority for a screening decision, which has not yet been taken.

The Competent Authority is the APA (Agência Portuguesa do Ambiente), which is a public body under the Portuguese Ministry of the Environment.

The closest Natura 2000 sites are “Estuário do Tejo” (site code PTCON0009) for the Alcântara terminal and “Valongo” (site code: PTCON0024) for Leixões terminal and are located further than 10 km from each terminal. Therefore, no significant impacts are expected in those protected sites but the Promoter will be requested to submit a signed declaration of no significant impacts in Natura 2000 sites from the Competent Authority for Nature Conservation.

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.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Consequently, the following conditions and undertakings have been defined and will apply:

Disbursement conditions

- The Promoter shall deliver before any related disbursement, a copy of the screen-out decision, exempting the corresponding project from a full EIA, issued by the Competent Authority.
- In case of a screen-in decision being issued by the Competent Authority, a full EIA assessment shall be carried out according to the related European Directives and shall be reviewed and validated by the Competent Authority, who shall issue the corresponding Environmental Impact Statement. All these documents shall be delivered to the Bank before any related disbursement.
- The Promoter shall deliver before the any related disbursement, a signed declaration of no significant impacts in Natura 2000 sites from the Competent Authority for Nature Conservation confirming the compliance of the EU Habitats Directive (according to Form A/B or equivalent).

Undertakings

- The Promoter shall ensure that adequate environmental and social management plans, defined according to the legal requirements and related documents, are implemented and monitored during construction of the project, namely in what refers to waste management and health & safety in construction sites. The Promoter will notify the Bank of any related unexpected accident or incident during the construction of the project.

Subject to compliance with the above conditions, the project is considered acceptable for EIB financing. The overall residual impacts are considered to be manageable and acceptable.