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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	STRATEGIC RESEARCH AND INNOVATION SPAIN
Project Number:	2017-0508
Country:	SPAIN
Project Description:	Financing of the Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) investment programme carried out by the Spanish Secretary of State for RDI as part of a nation-wide strategy to improve Spanish innovation and competitiveness. Final beneficiaries will be public research infrastructures and organisations across Spain as well as researchers and research institutions.
EIA required:	To be confirmed
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	No

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project comprises only intangible research expenditures. The included R&D activities will be carried out within existing facilities, making use of existing installations already authorised for similar activities and volumes. Such activities create intangible (new knowledge and scientific discoveries), which do not fall under the EU's Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

Since the project supports research undertaken in public universities and public scientific institutes and due to the wide scope of the research activities varying from natural sciences, food and agriculture to engineering, technology and anthropology, it is expected to provide positive environmental and social outcomes.

Some of the laboratories included in the project may handle toxic materials and toxic waste as part of their activities while other carry out experiments with live 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

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.



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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 EIB will request a copy of the full EIA as an undertaking applicable to all the sub-projects should an EIA be required.

In light of the above, the overall environmental and social rating of the project is therefore considered to be acceptable for the Bank's financing.

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