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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	Berlin Forschung II
Project Number:	2015-0492
Country:	Germany
Project Description:	The purpose of the project was to co-finance the State of Berlin's eligible investments in research performed by academic staff and scientists at the three public universities, three public universities of applied sciences as well as 13 public non-university research institutes in the period 2016-2017.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project included salaries of R&D staff and purchases of R&D equipment. The co-financed R&D activities were carried out within existing facilities, making use of existing installation, which meant that the project did not fall under the Directive 2011/92/EC as amended by 2014/52/EU on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

Some of the R&D activities included in the project concern the handling of large quantities of dangerous substances falling under Directive 2012/18/EU and the use of animals for scientific purposes falling under Directive 2010/63/EU. The promoter has confirmed that the institutes concerned comply with all relevant legal provisions and that the State of Berlin has set up competent authorities enforcing the law and controlling compliance. No significant issues or legal actions regarding the beneficiary organisations' compliance with the relevant Directives during the project implementation period have been brought to EIB's attention.

On 19 July 2018 – six months after project completion – the European Commission has started an infringement procedure against Germany being of the opinion that Germany has not transposed some provisions of Directive 2010/63/EU/EU at all and others incorrectly. This will be taken into account in all future EIB operations co-financing R&D activities in Germany.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the promoter that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.