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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	ADVANCED MEDICAL RESEARCH POLAND II
Project Number:	2017-0342
Country:	Poland
Project Description:	The project will support the medical research carried out in the public medical universities and medical scientific institutes in Poland from 2018 to 2020.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no
(details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")	

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project involves medical R&D activities carried out within already authorized research facilities and as such do not require an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) as per Directive. Directive 2014/52/EU amended Directive 2011/92/EU.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

Investing in medical research contributes to better health care and improved health status of the population as successful investments in medical R&D lead to practical applications of scientific discoveries resulting in more effective prevention measures, new diagnostic tests and innovative therapies. It further stimulates the creation of high quality jobs. Therefore, the project is expected to lead to significant social benefits.

Polish legislation and recommended practices with respect to the application and enforcement of ethical standards in research are consistent with best practices in the EU. Some of the laboratories included in the project handle toxic materials and toxic waste as part of the activities while other carry out experiments with living 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.

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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Conclusions and Recommendations

The project does not cover any major construction works and does not require an EIA assessment. In addition, the handling of dangerous substances and activities involving live animals for experimental and scientific purposes are in compliance with the Directive 2010/63/EU, and checked and controlled by the Polish competent authorities. As such, no significant impact is expected on the environment.

The funded activities are expected to bring about significant positive societal outcomes in terms of health care services and high quality jobs.

Considering the above, the project is acceptable for the Bank's financing in terms of environmental and social impact.