

## **Environmental and Social Data Sheet**

### **Overview**

Project Name:	RBI AT IT DIGITAL PLATFORM
Project Number:	2017-0720
Country:	Austria
Project Description:	Financing of RBI's 2018-2020 investment programme for the development and implementation of IT systems for the roll-out of new multichannel processes, cyber-security protection, reengineering of the system architecture as well as regulatory requirements
EIA required:	No
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>1</sup> :	No

(details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")

### **Environmental and Social Assessment**

#### **Environmental Assessment**

The IT investments and development activities included in the project do not fall under any Annexes of the EIA Directive; moreover, they will be carried out in existing facilities already authorised that will not change their scope due to the project. As such, the project does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment as per Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU.

The residual project risks are deemed low. The project scope is linked to IT investments and developments for the Banking sector; the project activities do therefore not induce any environmental risk.

#### **Other Environmental and Social Aspects**

The promoter's group has an environmental and social management system in place in eight network banks, and a corresponding environmental and social policy, which defines the principles of the bank's environmental and social risk management. These are predominantly based on the standards of the International Finance Corporation and/or the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 CO<sub>2</sub>e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tons CO<sub>2</sub>e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

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Additionally, the promoter publishes a yearly Group Sustainability Report in accordance with the internationally recognized GRI Standards of the Global Reporting Initiative and the Austrian Sustainability and Diversity Improvement Act (“Nachhaltigkeits- und Diversitätsverbesserungsgesetz”).

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The project does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment as per Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU. The residual project risks are deemed low. Environmental issues appear well integrated into the company’s procedures.

In the light of the above, the project is acceptable for the Bank’s financing in environmental and social terms.

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