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## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	CAIXABANK TECHNOLOGY & DIGITAL PLATFORMS
Project Number:	2016-0350
Country:	SPAIN
Project Description:	Loan to finance CaixaBank's technology programme covering the development and implementation of new IT solutions, processes and infrastructure. The project also includes the design, construction and commissioning of a new Data Centre.
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 and 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.

Construction of IT-Data Centres are not specifically mentioned in the EIA Directive. In addition, the Data Centre will be located in an already authorised industrial area. An EIA is therefore not needed.

#### Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The promoter has signed up to different environmental and social initiatives, such as the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) and the Equator Principles.

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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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It has an Environmental Management system in place following the EMAS standard and has its two largest corporate buildings in Barcelona and Madrid certified under the ISO 14001 standard.

As part of the EMAS, the promoter provides annual reporting and monitoring of its environmental initiatives. In 2017, the promoter put in place a number of initiatives that allowed to company, among others, to reduce its energy consumption by 2.3%, its paper usage per employee by 3.7% and paper and carton waste reduction of 30%.

The digitalisation activities included in the project will allow the promoter to further improve its overall environmental impact.

## 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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