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## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

### Overview

Project Name: INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AT 2  
Project Number: 2012-0487  
Country: Austria  
Project Description: Extension of the new campus of the Austrian Institute of Science and Technology, specialised in fundamental research, by additional laboratory buildings and facilities.

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

No significant environment or social issues were noted.

In respect to the design and energy consumption of the buildings, the Promoter applied better stringent statutory and technical conditions than legally required (Pflichtenheft "Energieeffizienz für NÖ Landesgebäude").

One of the laboratories included in the project is dedicated to experimental research on animals. Austria has passed strict legislation to protect animals used in experimental research and actively promotes alternatives to avoid such experiments. The promoter is a public institution reporting about all his activities to the public and therefore intends to follow best national and international practice in this respect. The principles and procedures are specified in the Law on Experiments on Animals (Tierversuchsgesetz TVG, 1989). Thereafter all experiments require a dedicated approval process through an established and independent National Ethics Committee.

According to this law, all scientists working with animals are obliged to protect the life and promote the well-being of these animals. Ethics committees at different levels of the science system are in charge with ensuring that the legal provisions concerning the licensing of animal tests contained in the Law are adhered and monitored. The published ethical guidelines conform to highest standards and are consistent with best-practice standards applied in the EU.

The new facilities will allow the Promoter to conduct biomedical research work in line with highest hygiene and safety conditions while energy efficiency measures are an integral part of the final design.

#### **Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:**

EIB is of the opinion, based on reports from the promoter and including a site visits by the EIB team during construction, that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.