

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	Digital Innovation Acceleration
Project Number:	2018-0807
Country:	Spain
Project Description:	The project concerns the Group's digitalisation activities organised in three major areas, namely (i) Improvement of sales performance, (ii) Optimisation of the Supply Chain and logistics and (iii) Investments in additional cross-company critical infrastructures, software and systems driven by the digital transformation process. The activities cover (a) the continuation of the adoption of technology and innovation that was developed through the previous project; (b) the consolidation of the disruptive developments and changes made; and (c) the scale up of new developments and processes.
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 concerns the promoter's digitalisation activities which are not listed in any annexes of the Directive 2014/52/EU amending the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU and will be carried out in existing facilities already authorised that will not change their scope due to the project. The project per se does not have any significant environmental impact.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The company has for several years intensified sustainability related measures. Since 2012, power consumption per square meter of sales floor has fallen by 19%, and the use of fuel has been cut by 23%. The consumption of water per square meter of sales floor has also fallen by 11% and they have managed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions per unit of surface area by 17% since 2012. The Group's Strategic Corporate Social Responsibility Plan (2017-2020) foresees further major reductions, as well as an improvement in waste management, the acquisition of electricity from renewable sources and a reduction in emissions.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The project per se does not have any significant environmental impact. The proposed investments do not require any additional permits and fall within an already authorised scope. As such, the project is considered eligible for the Bank's financing in environmental and social terms.

¹ Only projects that meet the scope of the Carbon Footprint Exercise, as defined in the EIB draft Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: 20,000 tonnes CO₂e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tonnes CO₂e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.