

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	DAIRY PRODUCTION MODERNISATION AND LOGISTICS
Project Number:	2019-0343
Country:	Poland
Project Description:	The operation concerns investments in expansion, upgrading and modernisation of Mlekpól's dairy production, logistics and storage facilities over the period 2019-2022.
EIA required:	Yes, project screened in.
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	No

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

MLEKPÓL, a dairy cooperative in Poland, plans to invest in its main processing plant in Grajewo to increase its capacity to process dairy products, its warehouse capacity and automation and finally to pilot a CHP plant fuelled by biogas produced at its WWTP.

The project comprises several sub-projects at the same industrial site and falls under Annex II of the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU and under the provisions of the Industrial Emissions Directive 2010/75/EC. Therefore, decisions regarding the requirement or not for EIAs are made by the competent authority on a case-by-case basis. At plant level, the daily dairy production throughput will increase due to the project, which will be implemented within the boundary of the existing facilities. As the improvements at the plant level are still within the scope of the existing integrated permit (Decision of the County Administrator in Grajewo dated 25 September 2006), no additional environmental studies are required. Regarding the biogas CHP plant, which will be located at the WWTP, some three kilometres away from the processing plant, an EIA was requested by the competent authority. The EIA was carried out and an environmental permit was issued in September 2019 by the competent authority. Regarding the construction of a new advanced warehouse and logistic centre, the building permit is still to be requested.

MLEKPÓL has developed a Code of Ethics and a Corporate Social Responsibility policy and the cooperative chose to have annual audits from SEDEX-SMETA (Ethical Trade Audit) and EcoVadis (rating on Business Sustainability) to improve their sustainability credentials. In addition, an Environmental Protection Register is maintained at each of its plants to facilitate internal monitoring of environmental performance. MLEKPÓL is currently working towards obtaining certification for ISO 14001 (environmental management system). The promoter is compliant at all production plants with the International Food Standard (IFS) and the HACCP

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 20,000 tons CO₂e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tons CO₂e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.



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(Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points). MLEKPOL has ISO 50001 certification since 2014 for Efficient Energy Management.

MLEKPOL farmers agreed not to use feedstock containing genetically modified cereals and to advertise this fact widely on all its products.

Social Assessment

The project will create 10 new permanent employment during operation and 146 FTE during construction, in addition to providing support to all 9 661 farmers members of the cooperative. The EIA process was conducted according to the requirements of public consultation, which took place during the first semester of 2019.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The project is considered acceptable for EIB financing in environmental and social terms, subject to the following contractual condition for disbursement: Submission to the EIB of all permits issued for the advanced warehouse and logistic centre at Grajewo plant, and to the undertaking to submit copies of all amended operational permits once they are issued.