

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name: RETAIL DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION RDI
Project Number: 20150748
Country: Spain
Project Description: The project comprises the promoter's investment programme for the development and roll-out of IT solutions aimed at the adaptation of its business model to the e-commerce reality of today. The promoter, a leading retail distribution chain in Spain, is investing in its digital transformation for the improvement of sales performance and optimization of the supply chain to succeed in the evolution from the physical store concept towards a multichannel sales platform.

EIA required: No

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise¹: No

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

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The activities included in the project do not fall under any Annexes of the EIA Directive; moreover, the research and development activities 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 2011/92/EU as amended.

The residual project risks are deemed low. The projects scope is linked to ICT developments in the e-commerce and logistics sectors; the project activities do therefore not induce any environmental risk.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The promoter has ISO 14001 environmental certification, with different scopes for the El Corte Ingles Corporate Division (Headquarters and Logistics Centre), for its IT subsidiary IECISA (Consulting and Development ICT equipment and solutions) and for its IT equipment manufacturer Investrónica (Storage Management and ICT equipment).

In addition, the promoter has programmes in place to reduce its environmental impact in terms of materials (consume fewer non-reusable containers and less non-reusable packaging), energy (2.6% reduction in 2014 compared to the year before), purchase of

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 100 000 tons CO₂e/year absolute (gross) or 20 000 tons CO₂e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.



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electricity coming from renewable sources and water. Related to the promoter's data centres, the energy consumption has been reduced by 17% in the last two years.

As regards waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE), over 17 million kilograms of electrical appliances from customers have been processed in 2014.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The project does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment as per Directive 2011/92/EU as amended. The residual project risks are deemed low. Environmental issues appear well integrated into the company's procedures; the promoter has an integrated management system which is certified ISO 14001. In the light of the above, the project is eligible for the Bank's financing.

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