

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	FRENCH SEEDS R&D
Project Number:	2018-0895
Country:	FRANCE
Project Description:	The proposed operation is to fund the promoter's RDI (Research, Development and Innovation) activities related to the creation, development, registration and commercialization of new field crop and vegetable varieties for their use in agriculture
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>1</sup> :	no

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

The RDI program will be carried out within the existing promoter's RDI facilities located in France. The foreseen activities will neither involve the construction of new, nor the modification of the existing RDI centres. Therefore, these activities are not under the provisions of Annex I nor Annex II of the EU Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU. The activities are also not expected to require neither an EIA, nor other environmental permits according to French national law.

The relevant research sites hold valid environmental and operation permits approved by the "préfet" who is the competent authority for these kind of facilities according to the French environmental acquis.

A significant proportion of the RDI efforts will be dedicated to the creation, development and registration of varieties with characteristics such as drought and disease tolerance or resistance or varieties with higher nutrients uptake capacity or use efficiency. If successful, the project will therefore bring about substantial externalities in the areas of Environmental Protection (reduced environmental footprint of agricultural activities) and Climate Resilience

#### Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The bank's foreseen investment only concern RDI costs related to conventional seeds that will be sold predominantly within the EU.

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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 20,000 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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## Conclusions and Recommendations

### Disbursement condition

None

### Undertakings

The Promoter shall inform the Bank about any change/modification/extension of the project that could trigger an EIA-IED permitting process, following EIA directive 2014/52/EU, amending 2011/92/EU and IED directive 2010/75/EU and submit the relevant assessment reports to the Bank.