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## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	SOFTWARE AG RDI DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION
Project Number:	2022-0426
Country:	Germany, Regional – EU countries
Project Description:	The project concerns the RDI activities of Software AG in the fields of Internet of Things (IoT), cloud, hybrid integration, business process mining and self-serve analytics with the aim to create an integrated Platform as a Service (iPaaS) which will support the acceleration of the digital transformation of its customers. The RDI project will be carried out in 2023 and 2024 mostly in Germany.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>1</sup> :	no

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

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

The investment concerns research and development of a software application and its integration into a platform as a service (iPaaS). The activities to be financed are not included in any of the Annexes of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive 2011/92/EU amended by the Directive 2014/52/EU, therefore the project is not subject to the EIA Directive.

The outcome of the project is not directly geared towards the reduction of environmental impacts. However, the results of the project could lead to new software products and solutions enabling better environmental performance in various end-user domains. For example, the promoter's integration and analytics offering for the Internet of Things could contribute to a better utilisation and efficiency of industrial infrastructures, with positive effects in terms of reduced energy consumption and emissions.

The Promoter is in scope and screen out of the PATH framework. It does not operate in a high emitting sector and is not considered as a highly vulnerable counterpart. The project to be financed is considered to be aligned both against low carbon and resilience goals set out in the Climate Bank Roadmap, and it is sector aligned under Industry and RDI.

<sup>1</sup> Only projects that meet the scope of the Carbon Footprint Exercise, as defined in the EIB Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: 20,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.



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### **Social Assessment**

The project to be financed schedules the adoption of an on line distributed collaborative tools for software development, which allows the deployment of agile development teams across the globe allowing the promoter to benefits from a multi-cultural team. This approach is expected facilitating social inclusion and the spread of technical competences in multiple regions, *de facto* on a real-time basis.

### **Other Environmental and Social Aspects**

The promoter has committed itself to the Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) rating targets from Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS) group and MSCI Inc., striving to achieve a C grade in the ISS ESG rating by 2023, and a B grade by 2025 (currently moved from D+ to C- in Feb 2022), and achieving at least an AA rating or better in the MSCI rating by 2025.

### **Conclusions and Recommendations**

Considering the above, the investment is acceptable for EIB financing in Environmental, Climate and Social terms.