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## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	REGIONE CALABRIA AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES
Project Number:	2024-0735
Country:	Italy
Project Description:	Structural Programme Loan (SPL) to finance the regional budget for implementing investment schemes under the regional programmes co-funded by EU EAFRD and EMFAF.
EIA required:	Some individual underlying schemes may require an EIA .
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>1</sup> :	No

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

The Project is structured as a multi-sector Structural Programme Loan (SPL, a form of Framework Loan) in support of the co-financing obligations of Regione Calabria (Italy) in the following programme:

- Regione Calabria component under Italy's 2023-27 Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) strategic plan (CCI: 2023IT06AFSP001) funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

Furthermore, to address the financing needs to the promoter, the operation supports the co-financing obligations of Regione Calabria under the following components of EU-funded programmes:

- 2024-25 investments under the 2014-20 Rural Development Programme of Calabria (CCI: 2014IT06RDRP018) funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD);
- "TOI 2 Promoting conditions for a viable and competitive sector" investments under Specific Objective 1.1 "Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities" under the Regione Calabria component of the 2021-27 National Operational Programme funded by the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) (CCI: 2021IT14MFPR001).

Programmes under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) support the transition towards a smart, sustainable, competitive, resilient and diversified agricultural sector, ensuring long-term food security. They also contribute to climate action, the protection of natural resources and the preservation/enhancement of biodiversity, as well as strengthen the socio-economic fabric of rural areas.

With reference to investment schemes under the 2021-27 EMFAF programme addressing the Specific Objective 1.1 "Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable

<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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fishing activities”, particular attention will be given to the sustainable management of the region's fisheries.

The above-mentioned programmes were subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).

In accordance with Article 73 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060<sup>2</sup>, all planned investment schemes falling within the scope of the EIA Directive will be subject to an environmental impact assessment or a screening procedure.

The Project has been assessed for Paris alignment and is considered to be aligned with both low carbon and resilience goals against the policies set out in the Climate Bank Roadmap (Annex 2).

Finally, the above-mentioned programmes aim at delivering investment schemes consistent with the regional and national development strategic framework, including strategies and other policy documents related to Sustainable development, Environment/Biodiversity and Climate.

### **Social Assessment**

The EARDF programmes promote employment, growth, gender equality, including the participation of women in farming, social inclusion and local development in rural areas, including the circular bio-economy and sustainable forestry as pointed out by art. Art.6 of REGULATION (EU) 2021/2115. Furthermore, art.9 stipulates that Common Agricultural Policy strategic plans shall be designed in accordance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the general principles of Union law.

### **Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement**

The SEAs of the programmes as well EIAs of the relevant investment schemes are subject to the public consultations in line with the SEA Directive and the EIA Directive and relevant national legislation.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The following undertakings will be required for this Project:

- The Promoter is required to act according to the provisions of the relevant national and EU legislation, mainly SEA Directive (2001/42/EC), EIA Directive (2011/92/EU, as amended by 2014/52/EU), Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), Birds Directive (2009/147/EC), Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) and applicable EU and national legislation in the domain of Energy Performance of Building.
- The Promoter shall ensure that obligations stemming from the Strategic Environmental Assessment are fulfilled.
- In case a scheme of costs of over EUR 40m requires an EIA and/or an appropriate assessment or equivalent, the Promoter shall submit prior to allocation of the Bank's funds the full EIA report and/or appropriate assessment to the Bank.

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy (OJ L 231, 30.6.2021, p. 159–706).



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- Investments schemes for which a screening and/or appropriate assessment of impacts on Natura 2000 sites is carried out, shall be assessed in view of site-specific conservation objectives.
- For investment schemes co-funded by Regione Calabria under Priority 1 - Promoting sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources, Specific objective 1.1 Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities, Action 3 - Operation 5 - Investments in physical infrastructure in existing fishing ports or in new or existing landing places of the National Operational Program funded by the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) 2021-2027 (CCI: 2021IT14MFPR001): prior to allocation, the promoter will provide to the Bank's satisfaction the detailed methodology and calculations demonstrating that fisheries are being sustainably managed for each species that is currently overfished and/or at risk of being overfished.

Taking into account the contractual undertakings associated with the Project, as well as the capacity of the Promoter and the systems in place to manage environmental and social impacts and risks, the Project is acceptable for the Bank's financing in environmental and social terms.