



## The EIB Standard – Cultural Heritage

### Environmental and Social Sustainability Framework (ESSF) Public consultation webinar series

*We will be starting this session shortly*

Thursday 8 July 2021

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Catherine McSweeney and Georges Gloukoviezoff

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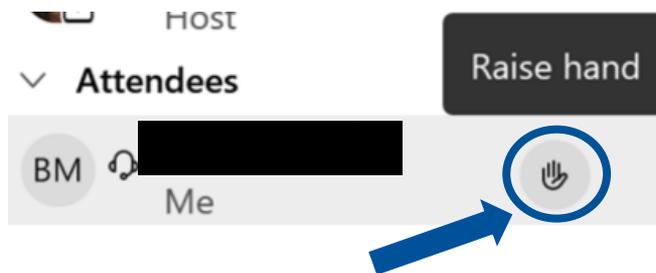
# WELCOMING REMARKS

Juan Sterlin, Head of the Civil Society Unit

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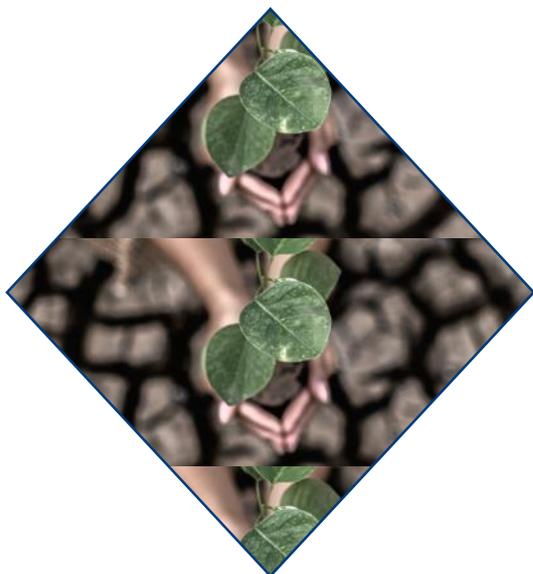
# Agenda

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- Introduction
- Presentation on the [EIB Standard 10 on Cultural Heritage](#) by **Nick Marchesi**, Senior Environmental Specialist
- Discussion with EIB panel
- [Closing remarks](#) by **Stephen O'Driscoll**, Head of Division, Environmental, Climate and Social Office

# Introduction: what are we consulting on?

## New EIB Group Environmental and Social Policy



## 11 EIB Environmental and Social Standards



# Introduction

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## Today: Standard 10 – Cultural Heritage

Standard 10 outlines the promoter's responsibilities with regard to identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring **cultural heritage-related** impacts and risks associated with the projects for which EIB financing is requested.



# There are many topics to discuss today. We are here to listen! Here are some of our questions...

*Please share your views...*

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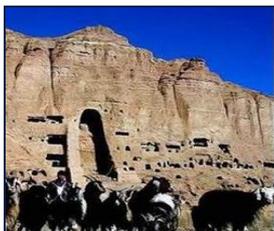
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# Standard 10: Cultural Heritage

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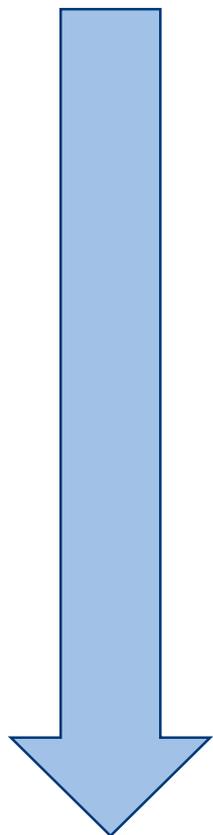
The Standard promotes the importance of **cultural heritage** as a source of **valuable historical and scientific information**, as an **asset for economic and social development** and as an **integral part of people's cultural rights, identity and practices**.

The Standard recognises that cultural heritage **incorporates all the various aspects of a community's past and present** that are identified as a reflection and expression of its constantly evolving values, beliefs, knowledge and traditions and which the community considers valuable, and desires to sustain and transmit to future generations.

# Standard 10: Cultural Heritage

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## Key changes



**Introduction** - wording was simplified and most of the information previously on introduction was moved to the “General Requirements”;

**Objectives** - precautionary approach to the management and sustainable use of cultural heritage added as a clear objective (was mentioned in the old standard, but not as an objective);

**Scope** - chapter was streamlined, clarifications were provided that:

- Cultural heritage includes both tangible and intangible heritage (definitions aligned with UNESCO).
- Where a project is likely to have significant impact on natural heritage, the requirements of Standard 4 will apply.

# Standard 10: Cultural Heritage

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**Clarifying requirements:** consistency of structure and language

**EU, EFTA,  
CC & pCC**

- All projects located in EU and EFTA, Candidate and potential Candidate countries shall comply with the relevant national and EU legislation and international conventions

**Rest of the  
World**

- All projects located in the rest of the world shall comply with the relevant national legislation and align with the principles of EU legislation and international conventions, as defined in the remaining sections of the Standard

# Standard 10: Cultural Heritage

## Specific requirements

### Mitigation Hierarchy

- Strict application of the **mitigation hierarchy** clearly embedded in the structure of the Specific Requirements, starting with avoidance as a first mandatory consideration.

### Impact Assessment

- The need to consider a cultural heritage assessment in the EIA/ESIA process and definition the minimum requirements;
- The possibility of EIB to request complementary info (Annex 1) new.
- Guidance type information was taken out

### Stakeholder consultation

- Text more concise and with a direct reference to standard 2

# Discussion with EIB Panel

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Natural Resources  
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# Closing Remarks



**Stephen O'Driscoll**

Head of Division, Environmental,  
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# ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

3 JUNE TO 6 AUGUST 2021

## WHAT IS UP FOR CONSULTATION?



- 1) The new EIB Group Environmental and Social Policy
- 2) The EIB's 11 Environmental and Social Standards

pollution prevention **intermediated finance** labour rights  
stakeholder engagement **climate change** management of risks  
**vulnerable groups and Indigenous Peoples** health and safety  
**cultural heritage** **biodiversity** **involuntary resettlement**

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