



Stakeholder Engagement (Standard 2)

Environmental and Social Sustainability Framework (ESSF)

Public consultation webinar series

We will be starting this session shortly

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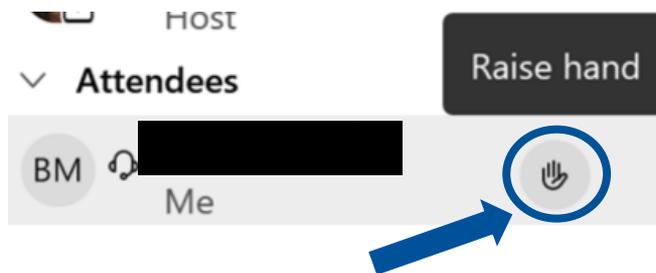
WELCOMING REMARKS

Olivia Saunders, Senior Civil Society Officer

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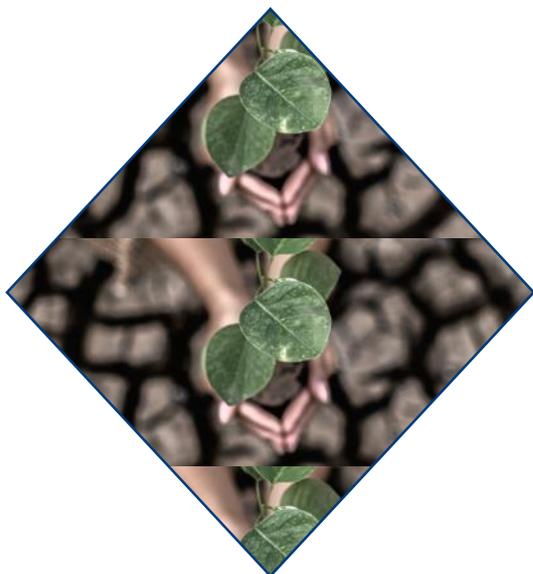
The slides and a summary of the discussion will be made available on our consultation webpage

Agenda

- Introduction
- Presentation on the [EIB Standard 2 on Stakeholder Engagement](#) by **Sladjana Ćosić, Senior Social Development Specialist**
- Discussion with EIB panel
- Closing remarks by **Yasmine Pagni, Head of Social Policy Unit**

Introduction: what are we consulting on?

New EIB Group Environmental and Social Policy



11 EIB Environmental and Social Standards



Introduction

Today: Standard 2, Stakeholder Engagement

The Standard outlines the promoter's responsibilities for the implementation of transparent and continuous engagement with project stakeholders.



Standard 2: Stakeholder Engagement



2. Stakeholder Engagement

Recognises the **importance of stakeholder engagement**, as a means to ensure **respect for the rights** to: (i) access to information; (ii) public participation in decision-making processes; and (iii) access to justice;

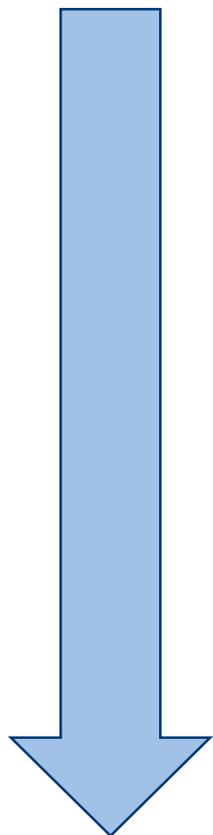
Adopts an **inclusive and systematic approach** to engaging constructively with **stakeholders**, i.e. persons and/or communities directly or indirectly affected by a project, or those who may have interests in a project and/or the ability to influence its outcome;

Promotes **timely access to information** on the project's ECS risks and impacts in a manner that is culturally appropriate and understandable to all stakeholders;

Promotes the **meaningful and free participation and input of stakeholders** in project-related decision-making processes that may affect them.

Standard 2: Stakeholder Engagement

Key changes



Reinforcing rights-based approach – in line with the spirit and principles of the Aarhus Convention;

Clarifying applicability and proportionality to the project's likely ECS impacts and risks;

Explaining the key elements of meaningful consultation and promoter's responsibilities where stakeholder engagement is carried out by the competent authorities;

Adding emphasis on tailored efforts for vulnerable groups and reference to the EIB's Complaints Mechanism;

Introducing provisions for considering reprisals-free stakeholder engagement strategies, as relevant;

Moving requirements for projects affecting Indigenous Peoples to Standard 7.

Standard 2: Stakeholder Engagement

Clarifying requirements: consistency of structure and language

**EU, EFTA, CC
& pCC**

- clarifying the key legal requirements (EU legal framework being the benchmark) and the information to be provided to EIB to sufficiently demonstrate compliance with EU legislation*

**Rest of the
World**

- translating the “principles of EU legislation” (“what does it mean”) into requirements

**The promoter may be asked to supplement the formal engagement process carried out by relevant competent authorities, or otherwise needed in relation to the requirements set out in the other EIB Environmental and Social Standards whenever applicable, with any action deemed necessary by the EIB.*

Standard 2: Stakeholder Engagement

Process that is **proportionate to the nature and scale** of the project and its potential environmental, climate and/or social impacts and risks, involving to varying degrees:

1 Stakeholder
Identification &
Analysis

2 Grievance
Mechanism

3 Engagement
Planning

4 Disclosure of
Information

5 Meaningful
Consultation

6 Monitoring &
Reporting

Standard 2: Stakeholder Engagement



Highlighting the need for reprisal-sensitive stakeholder engagement, where reprisals risks exist or are anticipated:

- the Standard reflects the EIB's **zero tolerance for reprisals**, intimidation, threats, harassment, violence or any other abuse of the rights of individuals and in particular of human rights' defenders and environmental activists;
- integrates provisions to promote **identification and prevention of reprisals risks** within the project contexts.

Discussion with EIB Panel



Adina Relicovschi
Head of Environmental
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Yasmine Pagni
Head of Social Policy
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Senior Environmental
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Senior Social
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**Georges
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Civil Society Officer

There are many topics to discuss today.

We are here to listen! Here are some of our questions...

Please share your views...

- Are the **requirements** of this Standard clear and attainable, specifically regarding the responsibilities of the promoter and the competent authorities?
- Do you see any **possible challenges** in the implementation of this Standard?
- Will this Standard be **effective** in ensuring **transparent and continuous engagement** with project stakeholders?
- Are the differences in the requirements for projects inside the European Union and projects outside the European Union clear?
- Is it sufficiently **clear** how the level of stakeholder engagement required for a project should be **commensurate** to its environmental, climate and/or social impacts?
- Are the requirements related to the identification and prevention of reprisals comprehensive?
- Does the concept of “**meaningful consultation**” adequately cover all the key elements that are critical for engaging meaningfully with stakeholders?
- Are the potential impacts and risks related to the rights to privacy and data protection are successfully addressed in the Standard?



Closing Remarks



- ▶ **Yasmine Pagni**
- ▶ Head of Social Policy Unit

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**

HOW TO PARTICIPATE



COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE

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You can then save your answers in draft format, share it with colleagues, and come back to it later. You can also attach supporting documents.

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