Involuntary Resettlement (Standard 6)
Environmental and Social Sustainability Framework (ESSF)
Public consultation webinar series

We will be starting this session shortly

Friday 2 July 2021

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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 6 on Involuntary Resettlement by Yasmine Pagni, Head of Social Policy Unit

• Discussion with EIB panel

• Closing remarks by Stephen O’Dsriscoll, Head of Division, Environmental, Climate and Social Office
Introduction: what are we consulting on?

New EIB Group
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Today: Standard 6, Involuntary Resettlement

The Standard outlines the responsibilities of the promoter with regard to managing involuntary resettlement risks and impacts. The Standard outlines the responsibilities of promoters to avoid involuntary resettlement in the first instance; and to minimize and mitigate where involuntary resettlement cannot be avoided, with a view to improving or at least restoring their socioeconomic and cultural conditions.
There are many topics to discuss today. We are here to listen! Here are some of our questions...

Please share your views...

- Are the Standard’s requirements **sufficient** to satisfy the need to **avoid** and **mitigate** social and economic impacts from unavoidable involuntary resettlement?

- Do you see any possible **challenges** in the implementation of this Standard, in view of your local context?

- Will this Standard be **effective** in improving or at least **restoring** the socioeconomic and cultural conditions of ‘Project-Affected People’ (PAP)?

- Are the **differences** in the requirements for projects inside the EU and projects outside the EU clear?

- Does this Standard **clearly describe** who qualifies as ‘Project-Affected People’ (PAP)?

- How clear are the EIB’s requirements when the promoter is **not** the entity responsible for the resettlement?

- Is the information required for the resettlement reports under **Annex 1a** and **Annex 1b** **sufficient** and **clear**?
Standard 6: Involuntary Resettlement

Refers to displacement that occurs as a direct result of project-related land acquisition or restriction on land use.

Avoid or, when unavoidable, minimise involuntary resettlement by exploring alternative projects, project designs and locations.

Avoid any forced evictions.

Improve displaced persons’ livelihoods and/or living standards, or at least restore them to pre-project levels.

Improve living conditions among displaced poor and other vulnerable groups to at least minimum living standards, promoting adequate housing and security of tenure.

Mitigate social and economic impacts from unavoidable involuntary resettlement.
Standard 6: Involuntary Resettlement

Key changes

Streamlining and simplifying the standard and aligning language with other MDBs;

Clarifying eligibility criteria;

Emphasise gender and vulnerable groups dimensions;

Explicitly referencing the instrument of Livelihood Restoration Plan (LRP);

Clarifying the difference between Evictions and Forced Evictions;

Completion audit made compulsory

New section on responsibilities with regards to resettlement;

New Annex setting the minimum requirements for: Resettlement Plan & Livelihood Restoration report & Resettlement Policy Framework
Standard 6: Involuntary Resettlement

Clarifying requirements regarding vulnerable groups: consistency of structure and language

**EU & EFTA**
- 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.*
Discussion with EIB Panel

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Senior Social Development Specialist

Eva Mayerhofer  
Lead Environmental & Biodiversity Specialist

Yasmine Pagni  
Head of Social Unit

Francesca Russo  
Senior Social Development Specialist, Environment and Natural Resources Department
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Closing Remarks

Yasmine Pagni
Head of Social Policy Unit, Environmental, Climate and Social Office
Thank you!

- Join us for our next webinar tomorrow, Monday 5 July to discuss Standard 7, Vulnerable Groups and Indigenous Peoples

- Submit your contribution before 6 August

- Email us with your outstanding questions at essfconsultation@eib.org

- Give us your feedback on this session on Slido

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