Occupational and public health, safety and security (Standard 9)

Environmental and Social Sustainability Framework (ESSF)

Public consultation webinar series

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Wednesday 7 July 2021

**Moderators:** Olivia Saunders, Senior Civil Society Officer and Beatriz Marin Dawid
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Olivia Saunders, Senior Civil Society Officer

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Agenda

• Introduction

• Presentation on Standard 9, *Occupational and public health, safety and security* by Mariana Ruiz Alvarado, Senior Social Development Specialist

• Discussion with EIB panel

• Closing remarks by Yasmine Pagni, Head of Social Policy Unit - Environment, Climate and Social Office
Introduction: what are we consulting on?

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Introduction

Today: Standard 9, Occupational and public health, safety and security

Standard 9 outlines the promoter’s responsibilities in assessing, managing and monitoring occupational and public health, safety and security risks associated with projects supported by the EIB.
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, specifically regarding the responsibilities of the promoter, (sub)contractors and suppliers?
- Do you see any possible challenges in the implementation of this Standard, in view of your local context?
- Will this Standard be effective in protecting the health, safety and security of workers and the community?
- Are the differences in the requirements for projects inside the EU and projects outside the EU clear?
- Are the new requirements to address the spread of pandemics and epidemics comprehensive enough to address the risks arising from projects?
- Are the new requirements to address traffic and road safety comprehensive enough to address the risks arising from projects?
- Are the new requirements to address the transmission of communicable diseases comprehensive enough to address the risks arising from projects?
- Are the new requirements to address Natural Hazards Triggering Technical Accidents (NaTech) comprehensive enough to address the risks arising from projects?
- Does this Standard address all relevant risks for projects financed by the EIB?
Standard 9 – Occupational and public health, safety and security

Recognises:
• the right of workers to **fair and just working conditions** and
• the right of workers and affected people and communities **to life and to integrity**;

Promotes the establishment of a well-defined **Health and Safety Management System (HSMS)** commensurate with the **project risks** for managing occupational and public Health, Safety and Security.

Promotes a **precautionary approach and the application of adaptive management practices** throughout the project lifecycle.

Recognises the **differences in risk exposure** and the need to protect particularly sensitive risk groups against the dangers, which specifically affect them.

Defines the **assessment requirements** as part of the EIA / ESIA process.

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Clarifying the scope of application depending on the contractual relation (direct workers, third party workers, supply chain workers)

Strengthening the risk-based approach – less front loaded prescriptive requirements and a more process oriented approach

Reinforcing the role of health and safety management as key to ensure health, safety and security standards in normal, abnormal and emergency situations.

Strengthening provisions regarding Gender Based Violence

Introducing new requirements:
- **Workplace**: provision of private or public health and accident insurance, considering gender specific risks and requirement, integrating climate-related risks
- **Traffic and Road Safety**
- **Natural Hazards Triggering Technological Disasters (NaTech)**
- **Accident and Incident Reporting System**

Strengthening human rights language, including right to privacy and data protection.
Standard 9 – Occupational and public health, safety and security

Health and Safety Management

Workers
- Workplace
- PPE
- Training
- Essential Sanitary Facilities
- Worker Accommodation

Community
- Community Health and Safety
- Influx of workers

Cross-Cutting
- Traffic and Road Safety
- Exposure to Diseases
- Natural hazards and Na-Tech
- Security

Information Dissemination & Consultation
- Grievance Mechanism
- Accident and Incident Reporting System

Assessment Requirements
- Third Party Workers
- Supply Chain Workers

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Clarifying requirements: consistency of structure and language

**EU & EFTA**

- clarifying the key legal requirements, additional requirements and the information to be provided to EIB demonstrate compliance *

**CC, PCC and Rest of the World**

- translating into requirements and information to be provided to demonstrate compliance

*The promoter may be required to supplement its assessment and policies and procedures, in line with EU legislation and the provisions listed in this Standard.*

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Discussion with EIB Panel

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Closing Remarks

Yasmine Pagni
Head of Social Policy Unit
Thank you!

- Join us for our next webinar, on Thursday, 8 July to discuss Standard 10, Cultural Heritage

- 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

All information is available on our consultation hub (consult.eib.org).