



Human Rights

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

We will be starting this session shortly

Monday 28 June 2021

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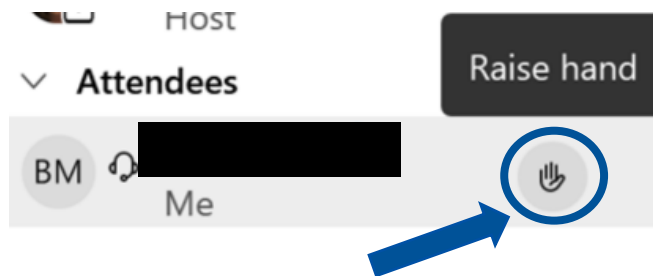
WELCOMING REMARKS

Olivia Saunders, Senior Civil Society Officer

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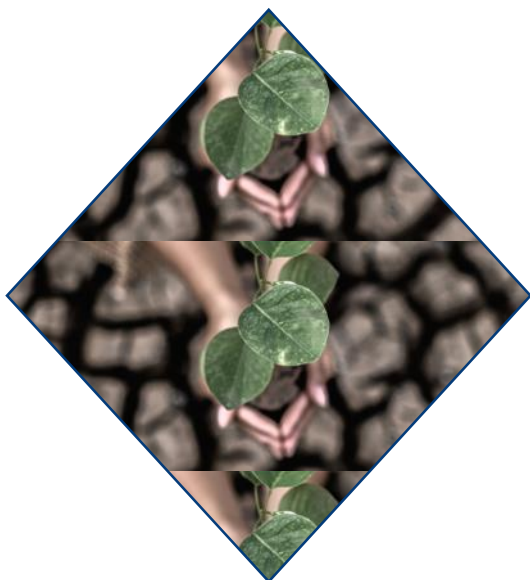
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Agenda

- Introduction
- Presentation on Human Rights by **Mariana Ruiz Alvarado**, Senior Social Development Specialist.
- Discussion with EIB panel
- Closing remarks by **Laura Piovesan**

Introduction: what are we consulting on?

New EIB Group Environmental and Social Policy



11 EIB Environmental and Social Standards



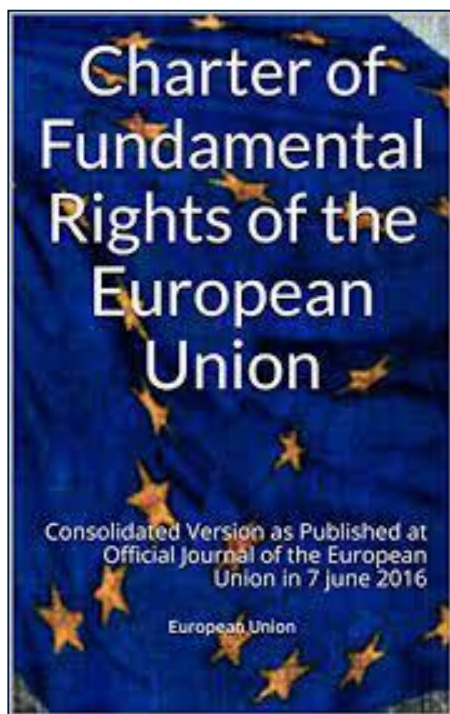
Introduction

Today: The EIB's approach to Human Rights

EIB Approach to Human Rights outlines the EIB's commitment and contribution to the long-term promotion of human rights. The EIB addresses human rights considerations through an integrated approach, which includes specific human rights requirements in the Environmental and Social Standards where explicit references have been introduced.



Human Rights at the Centre of EIB Activities



The EIB is bound by the **Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union**

The Bank is further **guided by international human rights principles**

- International Bill of Human Rights
- ILO Core Labour Standards
- ILO Convention 169 and UNDRIP (Indigenous Peoples)
- UNGPs

As the lending arm of the European Union, the **EIB is mandated to implement EU policy.**

The EIB **promotes human rights** by investing in projects:

- enhance quality of life, inclusion and equality,
- build resilience to climate change and unforeseen shocks, and
- support job creation and financial inclusion.

Promoter's Responsibilities



The Bank requires promoters to:

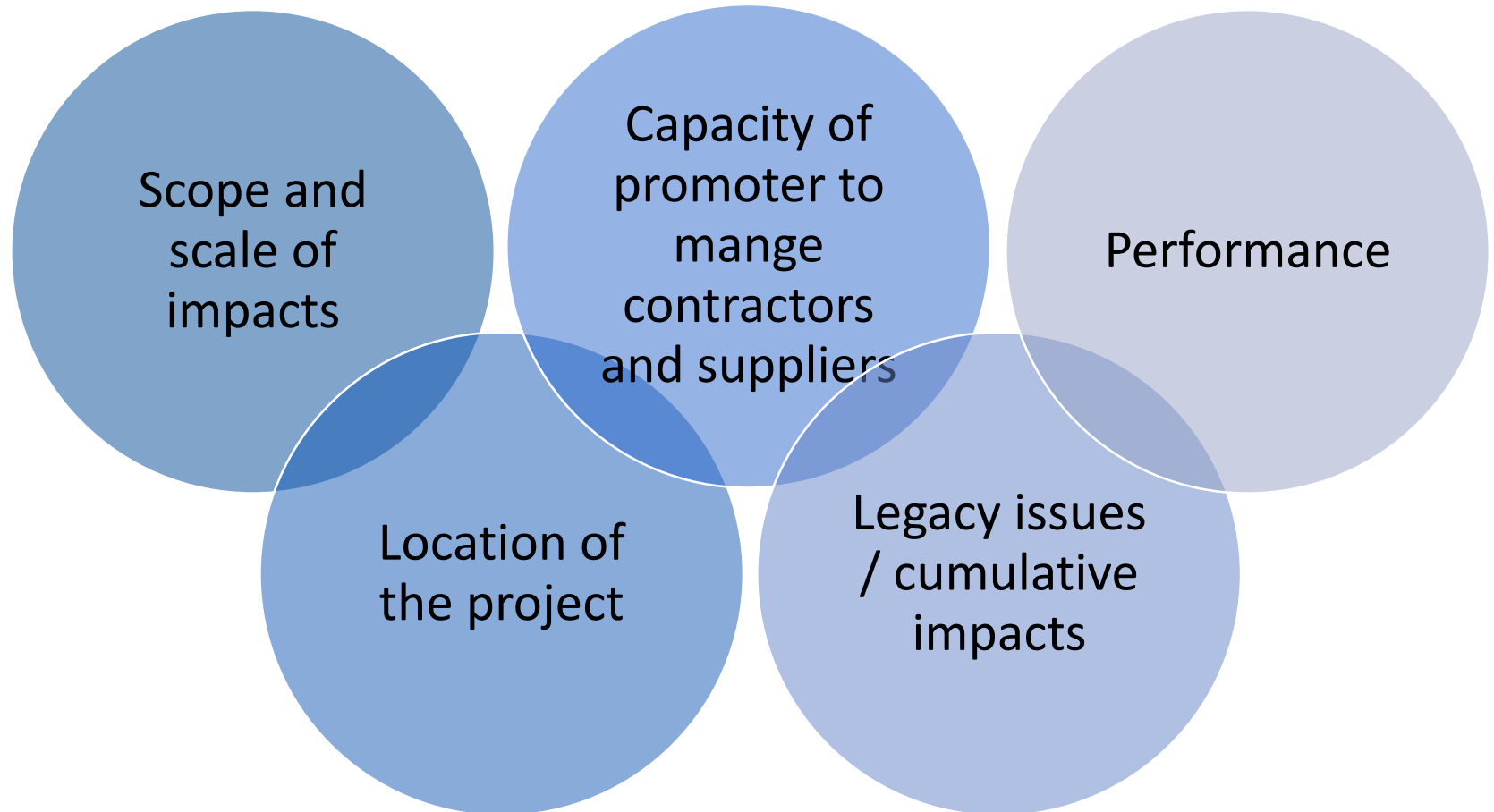
- **respect** human rights,
- **avoid infringing** on the rights of others, and
- **address any negative impacts** on human rights

The EIB Group's Environmental and Social Policy: **Projects which** limit individual rights and freedoms or **violate human rights are excluded from EIB activities.**

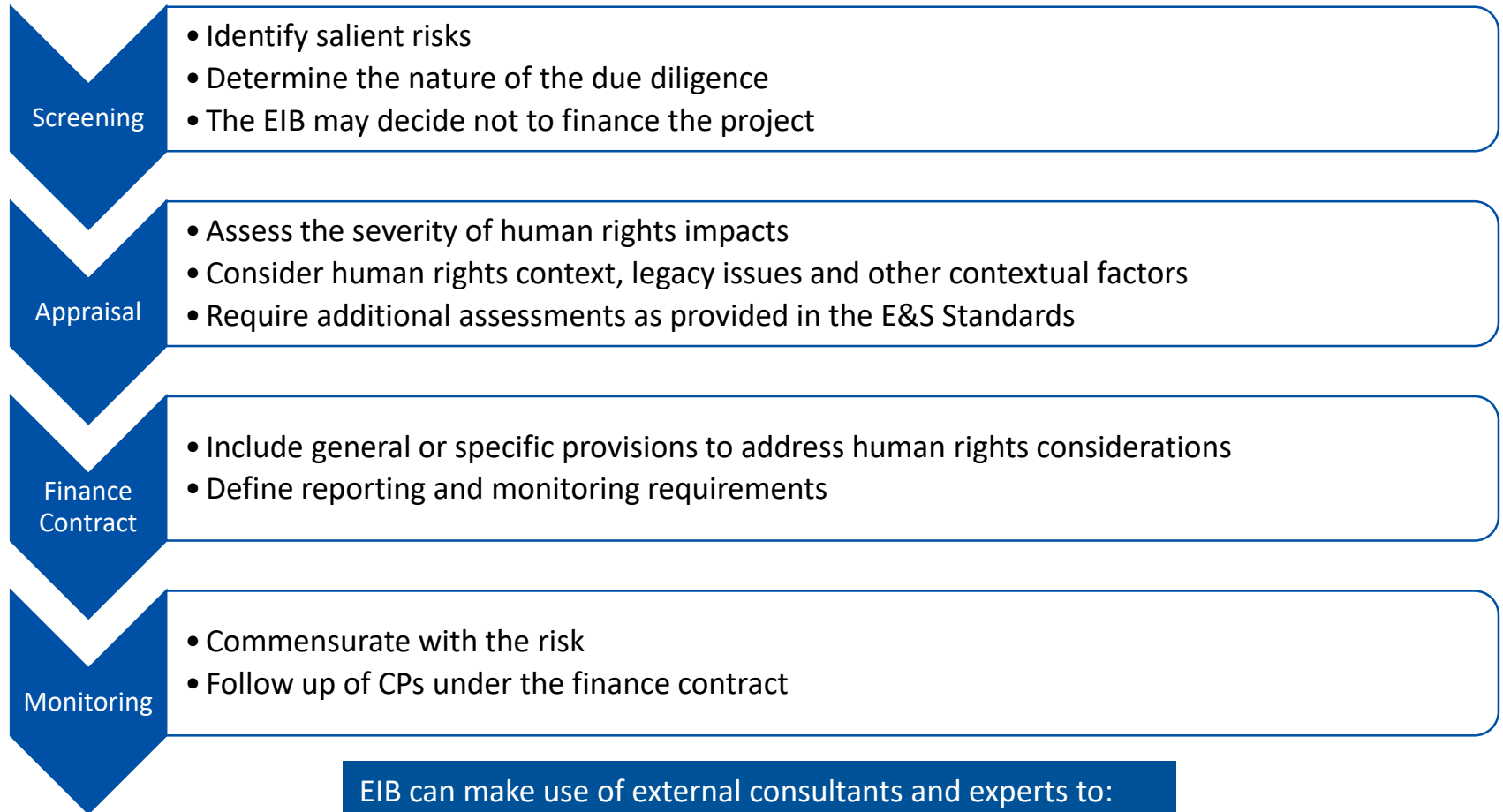
Promoters are required to **consider human rights as part of the environmental and social impact assessment process.**

Human Rights considerations are addressed through specific requirements in the EIB Environmental and Social Standards.

HRIA or No HRIA



EIB: A Human Rights Responsive Due Diligence



- EIB can make use of external consultants and experts to:
- inform its decision-making process
 - help the promoters in their efforts.

Access to Information, Transparency and Remedy



- Transparency and freedom of information are **essential to promoting human rights**
- Promoters are required to **disclose** relevant project information in a **timely manner**
- The EIB Group has adopted a **Transparency Policy**.
- The EIB publishes **information regarding the projects it supports** (EIB Public Register)

- **Right to effective remedy and to a fair trial** is enshrined in the Charter. Grievance Mechanisms are fundamental to fulfilling this right.
- The EIB requires promoters outside the European Union to **establish, as early as possible, an effective grievance mechanism** as well as a **specific mechanism for workers**.
- Rights-holders, as well as the civil society organisations representing them, can also **address their grievance to the EIB-CM**
- Prevent and address potential **risks of reprisal** against complainants and complaint-related people.

Discussion with EIB Panel



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Head of Environment,
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Yasmine Pagni
Head of Social Policy
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Head of Environmental
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Mariana Ruiz Alvarado
Senior Social Development
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**Juan Manuel Sterlin
Balenciaga**
Deputy Head of Division

There are many topics to discuss today.

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

Please share your views...

- The EIB pursues an **integrated human rights-based approach**. Is this integrated approach to human rights **sufficiently clear**?
- Are there **any elements missing** that would strengthen the effectiveness of the integrated human rights-based approach?
- Is the EIB's approach to human rights, including its requirements for project promoters, **clearly described in Standard 1**?
- Each Standard refers to specific and relevant requirements regarding human rights. **Are these references sufficient**? If the references are insufficient, please explain what might be missing:
- How difficult is compliance with human rights at the project level, for example in view of **your local context**?
- Do the Standards give sufficient consideration to the **right to privacy and data protection aspects**?



Closing Remarks



Laura Piovesan

Director, Sustainability and Quality
Management

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

Fill it out online

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.

OR

Download it and send it back to:
essfconsultation@eib.org



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22 JUNE TO 9 JULY

These online events will cover the Environmental and Social Policy, each Standard and our approach to human rights.

Thank you!

- Join us for our next webinar tomorrow, **Tuesday 29 June** to discuss **Standard 3, Resource efficiency and pollution prevention**.
- Submit your contribution before **6 August**
- Email us with your outstanding questions at essfconsultation@eib.org
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