



Vulnerable Groups and Indigenous Peoples (Standard 7)

Environmental and Social Sustainability Framework (ESSF)

Public consultation webinar series

We will be starting this session shortly

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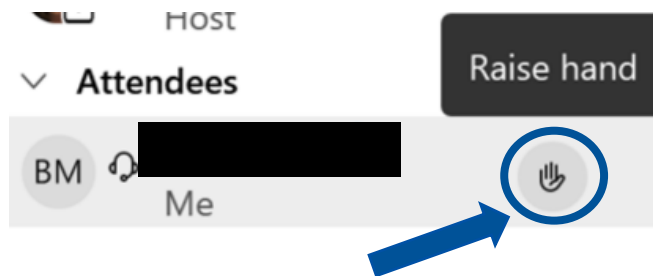
WELCOMING REMARKS

Juan Sterlin, Head of the Civil Society Unit

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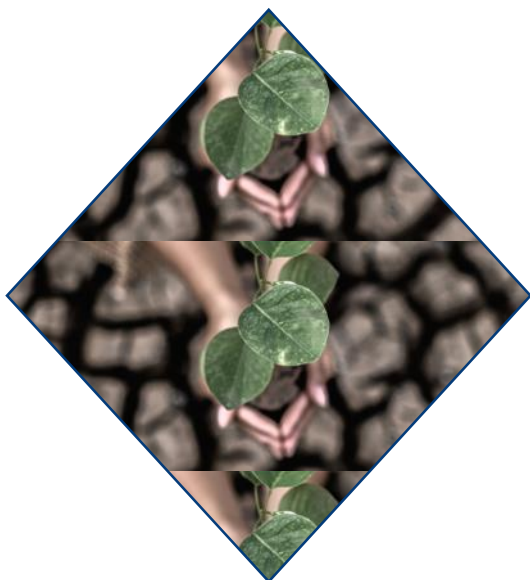
The slides and a summary of the discussion will be made available on our consultation webpage

Agenda

- Introduction
- Presentation on the **EIB Standard 7 on Vulnerable groups and Indigenous Peoples** by **Sladjana Ćosić**, Senior Social Development Specialist
- Discussion with EIB panel
- Closing remarks by **Stephen O'Driscoll**, Head of Environment, Climate, and Social Office

Introduction: what are we consulting on?

New EIB Group Environmental and Social Policy



11 EIB Environmental and Social Standards



Introduction

Today: Standard 7, Vulnerable groups and Indigenous Peoples

The Standard outlines the responsibilities of the promoter in terms of assessing, managing and monitoring project impacts, risks, and opportunities related to Indigenous Peoples as well as persons or groups that are vulnerable, marginalised or discriminated against due to their socioeconomic characteristics.



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 identification of vulnerable persons and/or groups and Indigenous Peoples?

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 rights and interests** of project-affected vulnerable persons and groups and Indigenous Peoples?

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

How **clear** are the requirements in indicating how the promoter should effectively take into account, and address, the vulnerability of different groups in the operations financed by the EIB?

Are the EIB's requirements for promoters outlined in this Standard **inclusive** and effectively **take into account**, and **address**, the vulnerability of different groups in its operations?

Does the **proposed definition of vulnerable persons and/or groups** include the most relevant socioeconomic characteristics that may result in vulnerability?

Are the **proposed definition** and related **identification criteria** provided for Indigenous Peoples adequate?

Standard 7: Vulnerable Groups and IPs

Addresses inequalities and other factors contributing to vulnerability, marginalisation and/or discrimination within the context of an EIB project;



7. Vulnerable Groups and Indigenous People

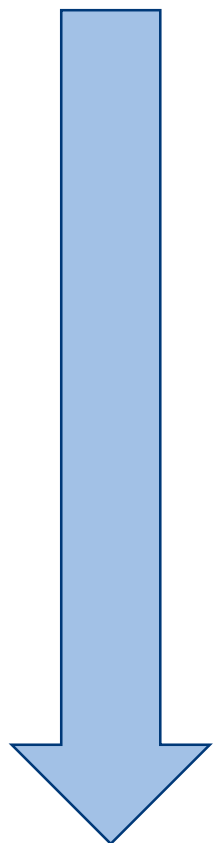
Respects the rights and interests of vulnerable, marginalised or discriminated-against persons and groups, and Indigenous Peoples, including the right to nondiscrimination and the right to equal treatment between women and men

Fosters their effective participation in the design of project activities and mitigation measures by establishing an ongoing constructive relationship between them and promoters;

Promotes equitable sustainable development gains and opportunities for vulnerable, marginalised or discriminated-against persons and groups, and Indigenous Peoples.

Standard 7: Vulnerable Groups and IPs

Key changes



Clarifying the definition of vulnerability based on socioeconomic characteristics within project context;

Clarifying applicability as determined during the environmental and social impact assessment process for: (i) vulnerable persons and/or groups; (ii) Indigenous Peoples;

Emphasising the need for a gender-responsive approach, including considering gender-based violence and harassment;

Highlighting the critical need to consider differentiated measures for vulnerable groups in challenging contexts;

Specifying requirements for triggering and implementing Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) process for projects affecting Indigenous Peoples.

Standard 7: Vulnerable Groups and IPs

Clarifying requirements regarding vulnerable groups: 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 7: Vulnerable Groups and IPs

Requirements for projects affecting Indigenous Peoples are applicable to all projects, whether in the EU or outside the EU, where IPs are present in, or have collective attachment to a proposed project area or an area that will be negatively impacted by the project

Indigenous Peoples definition streamlined to refer exclusively to a **distinct** and/or **vulnerable** sociocultural group possessing all of the following characteristics:



Self-identification as members of a distinct ethnic or cultural group and recognition of this identity by others; and,



Collective attachment to geographically distinct habitats, ancestral lands, or areas of seasonal use or occupation, as well as to the natural resources in these areas and use thereof; and,



Customary cultural, economic, social or political institutions, laws or regulations that are distinct or separate from those of the dominant society or culture; and



A language or dialect, often different from the official language or languages of the country or region in which they reside.

Standard 7: Vulnerable Groups and IPs



Promoting the right to Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) where a project:

- affects the lands, territories or resources that IPs customarily own, occupy or otherwise use;
- relocates them from land and natural resources subject to traditional ownership or under customary use or occupation; or,
- significantly affects or exploits their cultural resources, whether tangible or intangible, or their ways of life.

Discussion with EIB Panel



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Closing Remarks



Stephen O'Driscoll

Head of Division - Environment, Climate,
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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**

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, on **Tuesday 6 July** to discuss **Standard 8, Labour Rights**
- 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).