



Public consultation on the EIB Group Transparency Policy

Public Consultation Report

Introduction

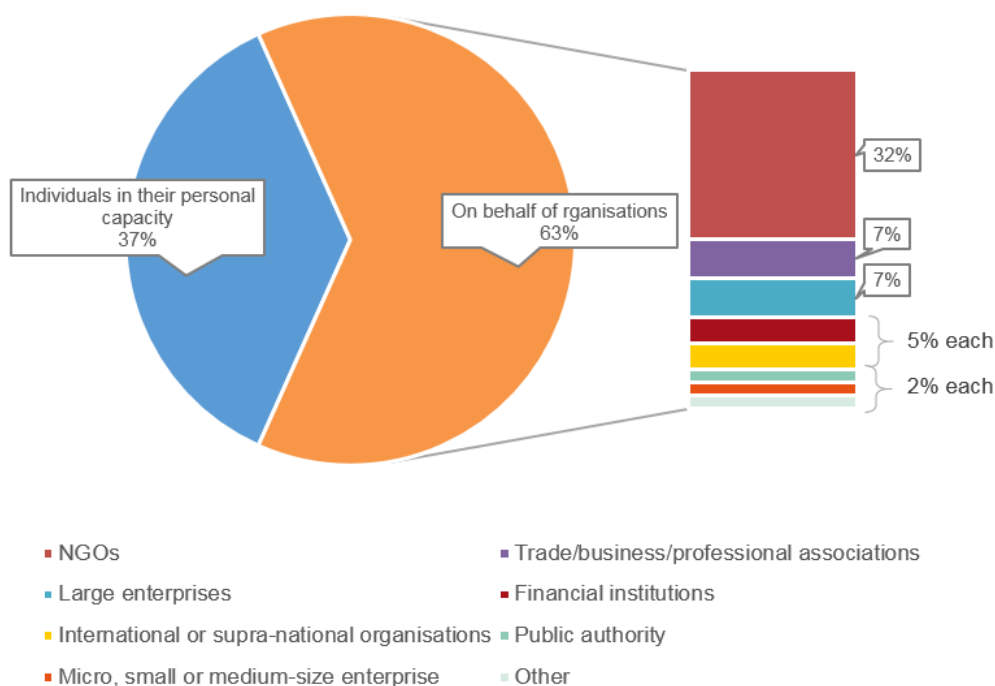
1. This report summarises the public consultation process on the review of the EIB Group Transparency Policy (EIB-TP). A timeline of the process is provided in Annex 1. An overview of the contributions received and how they were taken into account in the review is provided in the issues matrix.
2. The current EIB-TP was adopted by the Board of Directors on 6 March 2015 following extensive public consultation. It sets out the EIB Group's approach to transparency and stakeholder engagement. It defines the information that the EIB publishes proactively as well as the procedures concerning information requests.
3. The EIB-TP provided for formal reviews every five years. Accordingly, and as announced at the [Board of Directors Seminar with Civil Society](#) on 4 February 2020, the EIB launched a public consultation on the review of the EIB-TP.
4. The review and consultation provided opportunities to reflect on the key lessons learned over the last five years of experience and make the appropriate improvements, listening to the suggestions of stakeholders and the members of the public that participated in the consultation.

The public consultation process

5. The public consultation process opened on 21 December 2020 with the publication of a [draft revised EIB-TP](#), an [explanatory note](#) and a [consultation questionnaire](#). These documents were made available on a dedicated public consultation website in three languages – [English](#), [French](#) and [German](#).
6. Members of the public were invited to submit written contributions by 12 March 2021. Contributions could be sent by filling the questionnaire or via email to a dedicated address. Respondents were given the option to withhold consent for the publication of their personal data.
7. In order to reach a broad number of stakeholders, the EIB raised awareness about the public consultation through social media and targeted emails (e.g. to subscribers to the [EIB Civil Society mailing list](#)) at several key moments during the process. The EIB's direct mailings reached over 2 000 individuals and organisations.
8. In addition, the EIB publicised the consultation on networks such as the European Economic and Social Committee's (EESC) [Liaison Group](#) and the [Aarhus Clearinghouse](#). The EIB would like to thank all other stakeholders that have helped raise awareness about the consultation.
9. A [public consultation webinar](#) was held on 10 February 2021. Opened by Vice-President Thomas Östros, the webinar provided an opportunity for the EIB to give participants an overview of the review, including key proposed amendments. The webinar was open to all members of the public. Over 50 external stakeholders participated, engaging in a lively and constructive discussion about the issues at stake within the review. The EIB has published the [slides](#) presented during the webinar and a [summary of the discussion](#).
10. 97 organisations and individuals responded to the consultation, submitting the 41 contributions listed in Annex 2 and published on our [website](#).
11. Figure 1 below shows the contributions by type of respondents:

- 26 contributions (63%) were submitted on behalf of organisations, specifically: 13 (32%) non-governmental organisations; 3 (7%) trade/business/professional associations; 3 (7%) large enterprises; 2 (5%) financial institutions; 2 (5%) international or supra-national organisations; 1 (2%) micro, small or medium-size enterprise; 1 (2%) public authority; 1 (2%) other.
- 15 contributions (37%) were submitted by individuals in their personal capacity.

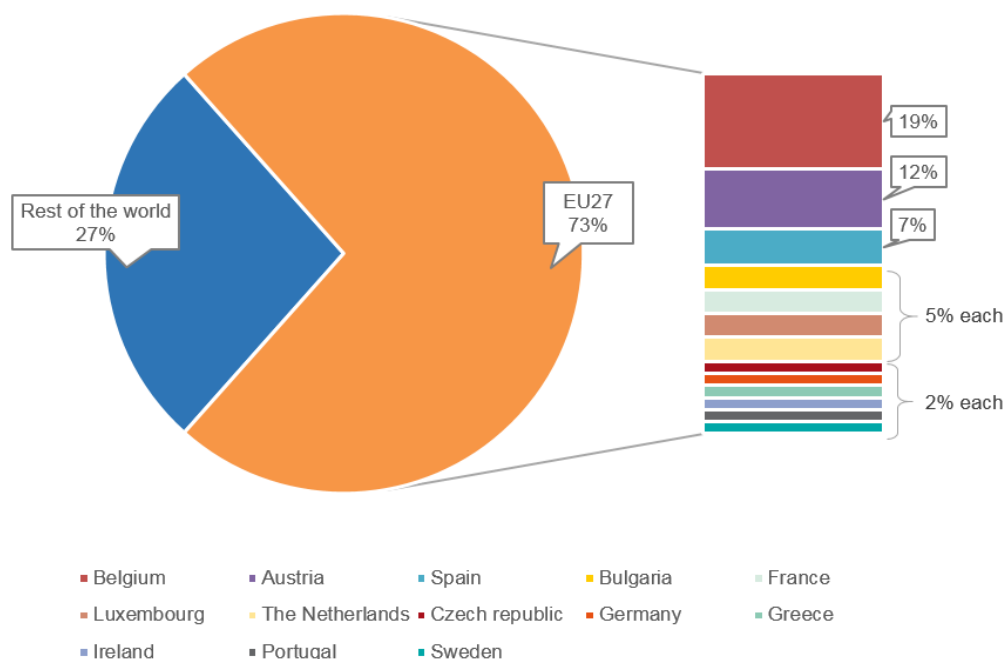
Figure 1 – Contributions by type of respondents



12. Figure 2 below shows the contributions by geographical origin:

- 30 contributions (73%) originated from the EU27, specifically: 8 (19%) from Belgium; 5 (12%) from Austria; 3 (7%) from Spain; 2 (5%) from Bulgaria, France, Luxembourg and the Netherlands, respectively; 1 (2%) from the Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Portugal and Sweden, respectively.
- 11 contributions (27%) originated from the rest of the world, specifically: 4 (10%) from the United Kingdom; 2 (5%) from Serbia and the United States, respectively; 1 (2%) from Lebanon, the Middle East and Nord Africa region, and Switzerland, respectively.

Figure 2 – Contributions by type of respondents



13. As regards the language of contributions, 36 (88%) were in English, 5 (12%) in German and none in French.
14. The contributions offered rich and diverse feedback, which was taken into account in the review process as explained below.

The review process

15. The feedback from the contributions was consolidated into an issues matrix, which reflects the structure of the consultation questionnaire and of the EIB-TP. Suggestions for specific amendments were included in a dedicated section of the issues matrix. A final section contained more general suggestions and comments that did not answer specific questions or suggest specific amendments. Individual submissions or topics may thus be addressed in several parts of the matrix.
16. The EIB set up an Inter-Directorate Review Panel (IDRP) to consider all contributions, draft responses and amend the draft revised EIB-TP as appropriate. The IDRP consisted of members of the EIB Group's staff with expertise and interest in the EIB-TP. It was chaired and managed by the Civil Society Division (part of the Secretariat General, Corporate Responsibility Department).
17. Following the IDRP's work, the EIB's response to each contribution was included in the issues matrix, explaining the EIB's position on the suggestions received and whether they were integrated into the draft revised EIB-TP. The resulting draft revised EIB-TP is made available online.
18. The Management Committee approved the draft revised EIB-TP, the draft consultation report and the issues matrix on 25 October 2021. These documents were published for information on the EIB's website on 26 October, i.e. at least 15 working days prior to the Board of Directors meeting. The Board of Directors is expected to discuss the EIB-TP on 17 November 2021.
19. The final revised EIB-TP, as adopted by the Board of Directors, will be published on the EIB's website in all official languages of the European Union.

Annex 1**Timetable of the public consultation process**

Date	Event
21 December 2020	Launch of the public consultation
10 February 2021	Online public consultation meeting
12 March 2021	Deadline for submitting contributions to the consultation
26 March 2021	Publication of all of the contributions received
26 October 2021	Publication of the draft revised EIB-TP, draft consultation report and EIB reasoned responses to contributions
17 November 2021 (indicative)	Meeting of the Board of Directors to decide on the revised EIB-TP
18 November 2021 (indicative)	Publication of the EIB-TP, as adopted by the Board of Directors

Annex 2

List of respondents

#	ID ¹	Respondent	Country
1	17687507	Aarhus Convention Secretariat	Switzerland
2	961042748	Arab Watch Coalition	Middle East and North Africa
3	232362880	Asociación de Profesionales de las Relaciones Institucionales	Spain
4	409040273	Balkanka	Bulgaria
5	857889613	Bundesparte Bank und Versicherung, Wirtschaftskammer Österreich	Austria
6	1058514026	CEE Bankwatch Network	Czech Republic
7	696595185	Change in Congo (CIC)	Belgium
8	23478170	Comité pour une Paix Juste au Proche-Orient asbl	Luxembourg
9	180917497	ECTRI	Belgium
10	41258366	EUCED - European Economic Interest Grouping / EU Official Interests Representative Institution	Portugal
11	584317000	FFG – Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft	Austria
12	825409902	Fransabank SAL	Lebanon
13	105007467	Geoscience Ireland	Ireland
14	920065000	GISTELINCK Joren	Belgium
15	416433749	GONZALEZ PASTOR Dolores	Spain
16	895565646	Hypo Tirol Bank AG	Austria
17	71489264	Iberdrola, S.A.	Spain
18	1053805767	Joint contribution from 5 organisations ⁱ	USA
19	319434394	Joint contribution from 53 organisations ⁱⁱ	Belgium
20	474919647	LECLERCQ Marc-Olivier	Belgium
21	834268179	MANGULIA Lucie	Belgium
22	244010702	NomoGaia	USA
23	43189000	NTW	France
24	606872644	PARAJON COLLADA Vicente	Luxembourg
25	54186771	Partnership for Transparency Europe	Germany
26	242129754	Piraeus Port Authority S.A.	Greece
27	1049105249	POINTNER Wolfgang	Austria
28	545351716	Publish What You Fund	United Kingdom
29	948547699	Recourse	Netherlands
30	897212979	Senat	Austria
31	658325101	Staff Council EBRD	United Kingdom
32	819370784	STRUBEN Willem	Netherlands
33	227849020	TSHILENGE Jacques	France
34	970883203	Willis Towers Watson	United Kingdom
35	485792591	The respondent has not consented to the publication of his/her personal data	United Kingdom
36	1000867770	The respondent has not consented to the publication of his/her personal data	Sweden
37	296149585	The respondent has not consented to the publication of his/her personal data	Belgium
38	721867594	The respondent has not consented to the publication of his/her personal data	Serbia
39	198836888	The respondent has not consented to the publication of his/her personal data	Serbia

¹ Each contribution is assigned a unique ID number, which is used on the public consultation website and in the issues matrix where individual contributors did not consent to the publication of their personal data.

#	ID ¹	Respondent	Country
40	585233681	The respondent has not consented to the publication of his/her personal data	Bulgaria
41	132923188	The respondent has not consented to the publication of his/her personal data	Belgium

ⁱ Signatories:

Accountability Counsel
 CEE Bankwatch Network
 Indigenous Women's Legal Awareness Group (INWOLAG)
 International Accountability Project (IAP)
 Jamaa Resource Initiatives

ⁱⁱ Signatories:

Abnaa Al Nazheen Organization, Iraq
 Alliance of Associations Polish Green Network, Poland
 Arab Watch Regional Coalition
 Article 19, UK
 Association Démocratique des Femmes du Maroc, Morocco
 Association Jeunes pour Jeunes, Morocco
 Association Tunisienne pour le Droit au Développement, Tunisia
 Balkani Wildlife Society, Bulgaria
 Balkanka Association Sofia, Bulgaria
 CAN Europe, Belgium
 CEE Bankwatch Network, Czech Republic
 Centar za zivotnu sredinu, Bosnia and Herzegovina
 Center for Introduction of New Environmentally Safe Technologies, Kazakhstan
 Citizens Network Watchdog, Poland
 Client Earth, Belgium
 Counter Balance, Belgium
 Crude Accountability, US 24
 Ecoaction, Ukraine
 Ecoclub, Ukraine
 EcoLur Informational, Armenia
 Eco-team, Montenegro
 Ekomed Social Unity, Republic of Azerbaijan
 Environmental Paper Network - Finance Working Group
 Espace de Solidarité et de Coopération de l'Oriental, Morocco
 Estonian Green Movement, Estonia
 Eurodad, Belgium
 European Environmental Bureau
 FIDH / International Federation for Human Rights
 Gegen Stroemung – Institut für Ökologie und Aktions-Ethnologie, Germany
 Greenpeace
 International Accountability Project, US
 International Partnership for Human Rights (IPHR), Belgium
 L'Association Tunisienne de Gouvernance Locale, Tunisia
 Lawyers' Association for Human Rights of Nepalese Indigenous Peoples (LAHURNIP), Nepal
 Le Centre de Développement de la Région du Tensift, Morocco
 Les Amis de la Terre, France
 Open State Foundation, the Netherlands
 Organic Agriculture Association, Albania
 Phenix Center for Economics & Informatics Studies, Jordan
 Pracownia na Rzecz Wszystkich Istot, Poland
 Re:Common, Italy
 Re-course, the Netherlands
 Rivers without Boundaries International Coalition, Russian Federation
 Studies and Economic Media Center, Yemen
 Suzanne Nada, Human Rights Lawyer, Egypt
 The Good Lobby, Belgium
 Uzbek Forum for Human Rights, Uzbekistan
 Wedyan Association for Society Development, Yemen
 Wild Europe, UK
 Women and Children's Affairs Organization, Iraq
 Yemen Organization for Promoting Integrity, Yemen
 Yemeni Observatory for Human Rights, Yemen
 ZERO - Association for the Sustainability of the Earth System, Portugal