2019 EBRD Environmental and Social Policy & Access to Information Policy
Strengthening of Stakeholder Engagement
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EBRD stakeholder engagement principles and approach

• Seeking to address complaints and solve problems proactively

• Local disclosure and consultation and grievance redress requirements always have to be met. Most EBRD region are signatories to Aarhus Convention

• Additional project stakeholder engagement proportional to the environmental and social risks and project specific grievance mechanism established by clients

• Robust criteria for projects that require an ESIA and formal and participatory consultation process

• Additional disclosure and project complaint mechanism by the Bank for all projects
Public consultation process on the policy review

• A joint public consultation for the ESP, PIP and PCM

• An open invitation to all stakeholders to provide feedback in February to April in 2018 on the 2014 policies and their implementation

• Consultation with CSOs at the EBRD AM in Jordan in May 2018

• 45 day Public Consultation on draft policies 21 January - 6 March 2019

• Stakeholder meetings in seven locations in the EBRD region (Almaty, Belgrade, Cairo, Casablanca, Istanbul, Kiev and Tbilisi) and in London

• More than 500 participants at the 8 public meetings with close to 300 verbal comments/questions

• In addition, over 300 written comments

• Public comments recorded and responded to in the “Report on the invitation to the public to comment” to Board and then published
How we responded

- Additional criteria for projects that require an ESIA
- Strengthened requirements for stakeholder engagement on all projects by clients
- Disclosure requirements for the Bank and its clients, including Financial Intermediaries
Additional criteria for projects that require an ESIA

- Category A list of projects requiring an ESIA aligned with 2014 EU EIA Directive
- Consideration of direct and cumulative impacts in categorisation of projects that require an ESIA
- Additional criteria introduced to require an ESIA for projects that may result in significant adverse social impacts to people or group(s) of people who are affected or likely to be affected directly or indirectly by the project
Strengthened stakeholder engagement requirements

- Strengthening stakeholder engagement requirements for all projects
- Introducing hierarchy and triggers for stakeholder engagement according to the level of environmental and social risks
- Clarifying “meaningful consultation”
- Provisions that stakeholder engagement and grievances should be free from retaliation
- Clarifying FPIC for Indigenous Peoples
Strengthened disclosure requirements for the Bank and its clients, including Financial Intermediaries

• Enhanced project and institutional level disclosure
• Improved disclosure and update of environmental and social information by project category
• FIs required to refer high-risk and category-A sub-projects to the Bank
• FIs required to disclose sub-projects referred to EBRD and financed by the FI
• Referral list includes all hydropower sub-projects regardless of size