

Public Consultation on EIB's Disclosure and Information Policy Review

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The EIB is launching today a public consultation on a revised proposal for its Public Disclosure and Information Policy. Interested organizations and individuals are being invited to comment on the draft policy.

The consultation process will last 45 working days, ending on 21 July. The revised policy will be presented, together with a note on the public comments, to the EIB's Management Committee and Board of Directors.

For comment: draft revised Public Disclosure and Information Policy

The draft policy is available in [English](#), [French](#) and [German](#).

The draft merges, and adapts, the original three public information policy documents which are currently published separately on EIB's website:

- [Information Policy Statement](#)
- [How EIB Communicates](#)
- [Rules on Public Access to Documents](#)

The draft also takes into account elements of the Bank's "[Transparency Policy - Report and Proposals](#)", as published on the website in June 2004.

The section on "Rules on Public Access to Documents" will be reviewed later in light of the adoption of the *European Parliament and Council Regulation on the application of the provisions of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters to EC institutions and bodies*.

Public consultation process, procedures and timetable

1. Today's announcement supersedes the first announcement of 13 December 2004. The draft revised policy brings up-to-date the existing disclosure and information policy of the Bank.
2. The EIB information policy was last reviewed in 2002. The Bank is now in the process of reviewing its policy to take account of evolutions in its working environment and new policy developments within the European Union, not least the actions the Bank itself has taken to increase its transparency and accountability.
3. Interested organizations and individuals wishing to submit relevant suggestions or comments on the revised proposal for EIB's Public Disclosure and Information Policy are asked to do so in writing by returning the attached form by e-mail, fax or post.

The deadline for submissions is 21 July 2005, allowing interested parties 45 working days in which to submit comments.

4. Submissions can be drawn up in any of the official languages of the European Union.
5. Bank will acknowledge receipt of all contributions.
6. Organizations presenting a submission are requested to provide the name and address of their organisation with a contact name and a brief description of their objectives.

7. Individual members of the public are requested to provide their full name and address, and optionally, a brief explanation of their interest in the EIB's activities and / or disclosure policy.
8. The Bank will hold one or more Consultation Workshops to discuss the draft policy with interested stakeholders, which will be announced on the EIB's website.
9. Contributions, in line with point 3 above and provided that they comply with law and regulations, will be carefully analysed and included in a report on the consultation process. This will be submitted alongside the draft review of the EIB's Public Disclosure and Information Policy when it is presented to the Bank's Management Committee and its Board of Directors.
10. The revised policy will be published on the website, together with the explanatory report submitted to the Board of Directors.
11. The report will be kept on the website for two months.
12. Contributors to the consultation process will be directly informed of the outcome.

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Timetable:

- **19 May:** Launch of the 45 working days public consultation process with an announcement on the EIB website. Draft of revised Public Disclosure and Information Policy posted on the website for comments. The EIB will also inform organizations and individuals, who have shown a particular interest in its disclosure and information policy.
- **June and / or July:** Consultation Workshop(s).
- **21 July:** Deadline for submitting comments on the draft policy.
- **September / October:** Draft policy presented to EIB Board of Directors, together with a report on the consultation process and public comments.
- **September / October:** New Public Disclosure and Information Policy published on EIB website, together with the report. The report will be kept on the website for two months.

External contributors will also be informed directly of the new policy and the report.

Consultation Workshops

The consultation process includes one or more Workshops to discuss the draft revised policy with interested parties.

Workshop details will be announced on this website page.

Comments

Comments should be forwarded in writing by returning the attached form by e-mail to infopol@eib.org.
Deadline is 21 July 2005

Contributions can also be faxed to +352 43 79 31 91

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