Written Contribution from VICENTE PARAJÓN COLLADA:

Sharing responsibilities of EIB, Member States of the European Union, Regional Authorities and other public or semipublic bodies, in the implementation of the Complaints Mechanism Policy, should be a priority action of the Complaints Mechanism.

It should be streamlined the working relations of these bodies (specially their financial branches) in order to avoid contradictory initiatives against the environmental, social and economic consequences, resulting from the EIB procedures or decisions on the funding of a project or group of projects.

This cooperation framework could foresee that the EIB funding of certain projects of environmental or social consequences could require eventually prior approval of national or regional bodies responsible for those policies.

The Complaints Investigation Function, mentioned under point 5.3 of the Draft for Consultation, should establish an independent opinion of experts on whether there has been a situation in which the EIB Group's concerned services have not reviewed the information provided by relevant national or local authorities, as part of the EIB Group's due diligence.

Outreach actions should be used more frequently for creating such a cooperative working method with national or regional bodies in the Complaints Investigation Function.

End of Written Contribution from VICENTE PARAJÓN COLLADA.

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