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**Piera Laloux**

# EIB at a glance

- The EIB - is the **European Union's Bank** owned by and representing the interests of the EU Member States.
- Governed by both public and corporate governance principles.



# EIB at a glance

- EIB principles are taken from **EU policy and law**.
- **Environmental principles** derived from the EU Treaty - the EU should ensure a high level of environmental protection through the integration principle.
- **A high level of protection** should result from the application of the precautionary principle, the preventative principle - damage should be rectified at source and the polluter should pay.
- **Social principles** derived from the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

## EIB Group Transparency Policy

- # Transparency
- Based on the principle of non-discrimination and equal treatment.
  - Presumption of disclosure



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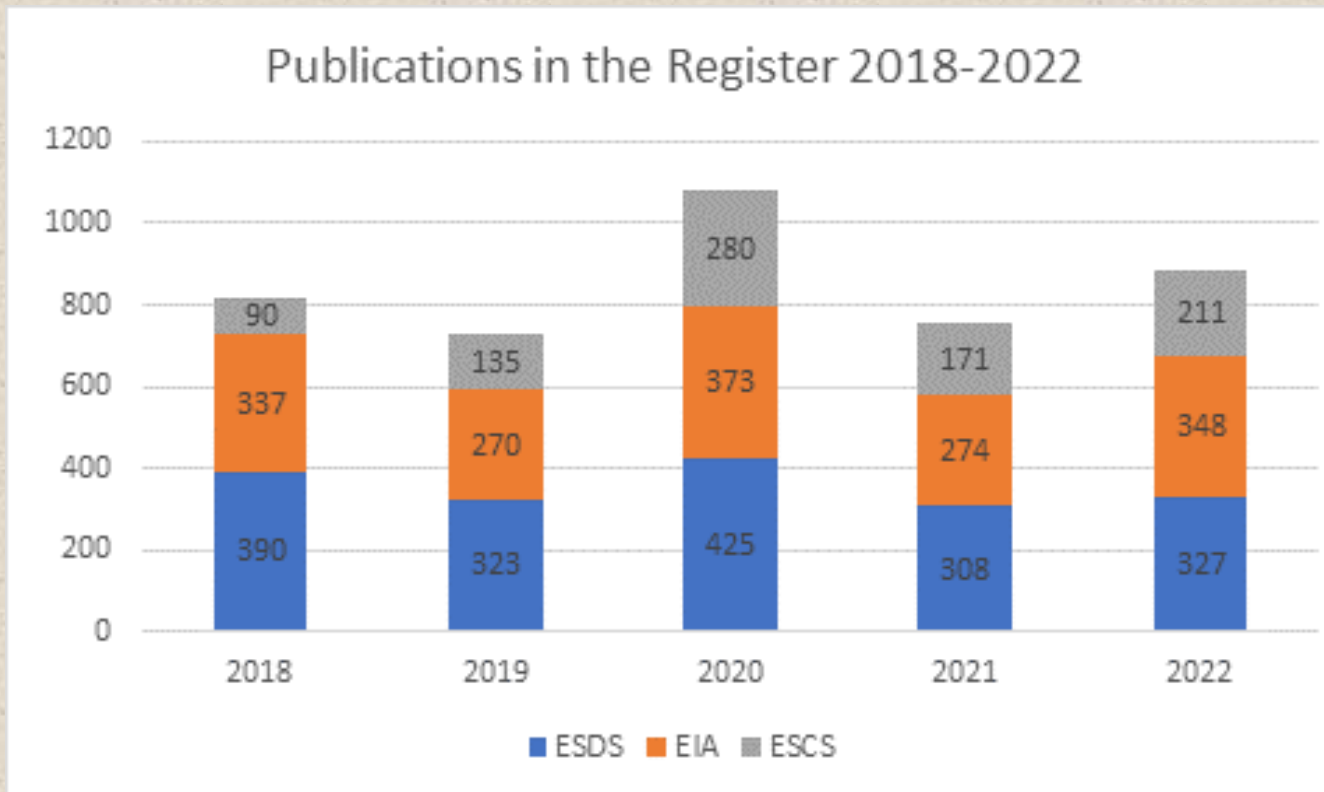
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- Contains key project related **environmental** information held by the EIB
- **Proactive** disclosure

# EIB's Public Register

- Documents produced in-house, e.g. ESDSs, ESCSs
- Documents received from third parties, e.g. EIA reports etc.



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# EIB Environmental and Social Standards

The EIB adopted a set of 11 environmental and social standards in 2022.

They establish the requirements the promoter and the project must meet throughout the EIB project life cycle.



# EIB Environmental and Social Standards



## Standard 3 – Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention

Ensures an integrated approach to pollution prevention and control of emissions to air, water and land, noise pollution, radiation, prevention of accidents, as well as waste management and the safe use of hazardous substances and pesticides.



# Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response



Promoters must have control measures for ensuring prevention, preparedness and adequate response to major accidents.

In case of accidents, near-misses, dangerous occurrences, breach of relevant health and safety legislation, injuries, permanent disabilities, ill-health or fatalities occurring in relation to the project - the promoter shall **investigate, document and analyse** the findings and take due actions to prevent its reoccurrence.

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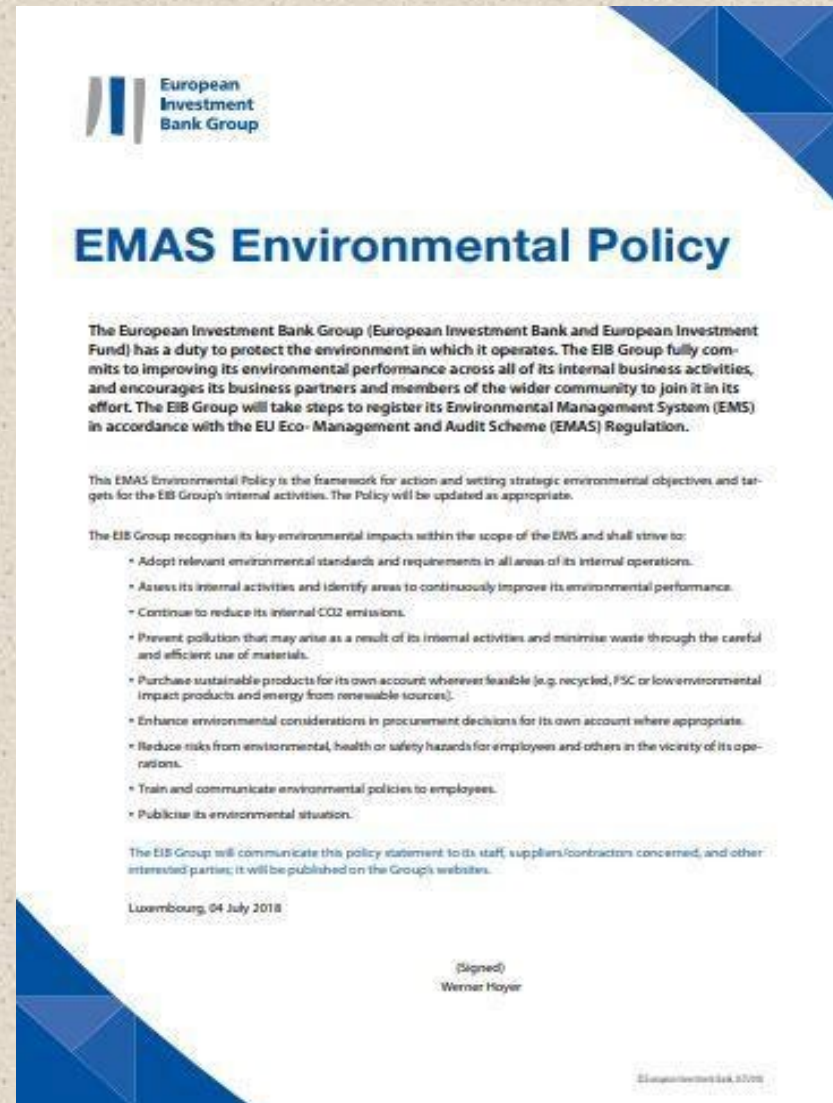


# EMAS @ EIB – The Environmental Policy

Health & Safety

Sustainable Purchasing

Green Procurement



The image shows the cover of the EMAS Environmental Policy document. It features the European Investment Bank Group logo at the top left. The title "EMAS Environmental Policy" is prominently displayed in a blue box. Below the title, there is a paragraph of introductory text, followed by a section on the policy's purpose and a list of key environmental impacts. The document is signed by Werner Hoyer and dated Luxembourg, 04 July 2018. The cover has a blue and white geometric design in the corners.

**European Investment Bank Group**

## EMAS Environmental Policy

The European Investment Bank Group (European Investment Bank and European Investment Fund) has a duty to protect the environment in which it operates. The EIB Group fully commits to improving its environmental performance across all of its internal business activities, and encourages its business partners and members of the wider community to join it in its effort. The EIB Group will take steps to register its Environmental Management System (EMS) in accordance with the EU Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) Regulation.

This EMAS Environmental Policy is the framework for action and setting strategic environmental objectives and targets for the EIB Group's internal activities. The Policy will be updated as appropriate.

The EIB Group recognises its key environmental impacts within the scope of the EMS and shall strive to:

- Adopt relevant environmental standards and requirements in all areas of its internal operations.
- Assess its internal activities and identify areas to continuously improve its environmental performance.
- Continue to reduce its internal CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
- Prevent pollution that may arise as a result of its internal activities and minimise waste through the careful and efficient use of materials.
- Purchase sustainable products for its own account whenever feasible (e.g. recycled, FSC or low environmental impact products and energy from renewable sources).
- Enhance environmental considerations in procurement decisions for its own account where appropriate.
- Reduce risks from environmental, health or safety hazards for employees and others in the vicinity of its operations.
- Train and communicate environmental policies to employees.
- Publicise its environmental situation.

The EIB Group will communicate this policy statement to its staff, suppliers/contractors concerned, and other interested parties; it will be published on the Group's websites.

Luxembourg, 04 July 2018

(Signed)  
Werner Hoyer

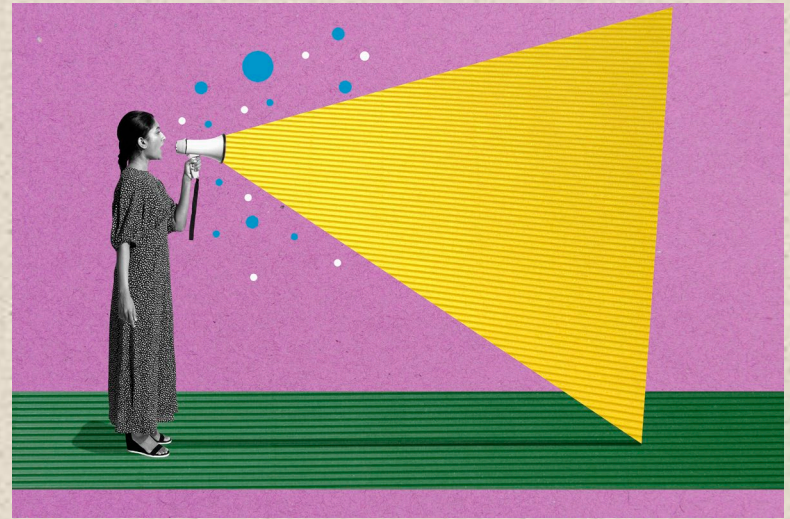
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# EMAS @ EIB – Communication

## Operating Procedure for Managing Communication:

- **What should be** communicated
- **When** we will communicate
- **Who** we will communicate with
- **How** to communicate





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