Bosnia and Herzegovina/Republika Srpska Sustainable, Integrated and Safe Road Infrastructure Project (P502979)

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)

Negotiated Draft January 22, 2025

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

- 1. Bosnia and Herzegovina (the Borrower) will implement the Sustainable, Integrated and Safe Road Infrastructure Project (the Project), with the involvement of Republika Srpska (the Project Implementing Entity or PIE), *Putevi Republike Srpske* (PC RS Roads), as set out in the Loan Agreement, Grant Agreement, the Loan Project Agreement and Grant Project Agreement. The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the Bank), has agreed to provide the financing for the Project, as set out in the Loan Agreement and Grant Agreement.
- 2. The Borrower shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs) and this Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP), in a manner acceptable to the Bank. The ESCP is a part of the Loan Agreement and the Project Agreement. Unless otherwise defined in this ESCP, capitalized terms used in this ESCP have the meanings ascribed to them in the Loan Agreement.
- 3. Without limitation to the foregoing, this ESCP sets out material measures and actions that the Borrower shall carry out or cause to be carried out, including, as applicable, their respective timeframes; institutional, staffing, training, monitoring and reporting arrangements; and grievance management. The ESCP also sets out the environmental and social (E&S) documents that shall be prepared or updated, consulted, disclosed and implemented under the Project, consistent with the ESSs, in form and substance acceptable to the Bank. Said E&S documents may be revised from time to time with prior written agreement by the Bank. As provided for under the referred Agreement, the Borrower shall ensure that there are sufficient funds available to cover the costs of implementing the ESCP.
- 4. As agreed by the Bank and the Borrower, this ESCP will be revised from time to time, if necessary, to reflect adaptive management of Project changes or unforeseen circumstances or in response to Project performance. In such circumstances, the Bank and the Borrower through the Project Implementing Entity agree to update the ESCP to reflect these changes through an exchange of letters signed between the Bank and the Borrower's Representative specified in the Loan Agreement or Director of Putevi Republike Srpske. The Borrower shall promptly disclose the updated ESCP.
- 5. The subsection on "Indicators for Implementation Readiness" below identifies the actions and measures to be monitored to assess Project readiness to begin implementation in accordance with this ESCP. Nevertheless, all actions and measures in this ESCP shall be implemented as set out in the "Timeframe" column below irrespective of whether they are listed in the referred subsection.

MATE	RIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY
IMPLE	MENTATION ARRANGEMENTS AND CAPACITY SUPPORT		
A	a. Establish and maintain a PIT with qualified staff and resources to support management of environmental, social, health and safety (E&S) risks and impacts of the Project including full-time Senior Environmental Specialist, full-time Senior Social Specialist, part-time Senior Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Specialist, and part-time Communication/Community Engagement Specialist. The latter will be engaged on the needs basis.	a. Establish the core PIT (including E&S specialists) prior to effectiveness and thereafter maintain the PIT and these positions throughout Project implementation.	PIE/ Republika Srpska Public Company for Roads (PC RS Roads)
В	Prepare and implement the capacity building plan: • training for PIT and relevant PC RS Roads staff on implementation of the overall ESF, ESMF, RPF, SEP, LMP prepared for this project as well as all other topics identified in the ESMF and RPF. • Training for PC RS Roads staff, Project workers, including: • general ESF training, including results and recommendations from the SA • ESS2 training focused on labor and contractor management on road projects • ESS4 training focused on community health and safety on road projects • ESS5 training focused on land acquisition, restrictions on land use and involuntary resettlement on road projects • focused OHS, cultural heritage and biodiversity as per ESS3 and ESS8 training • focused ESS10 training specific aspects of environmental and social assessment & other instruments described in the ESMF and SEP • emergency preparedness and response	During the Project implementation. For contractors' workers, this training shall be provided once subprojects are awarded and prior to implementation of subprojects.	PIT
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С	REGULAR REPORTING	Submit semi-annual (progress) reports to the Bank throughout	PIT
	Prepare and submit to the Bank regular monitoring reports on the environmental, social, health and	Project implementation,	
	safety (E&S) performance of the Project. The reports shall include:	commencing after the Effective	
		Date. Submit each site-specific E&S	
	Status of preparation and implementation of E&S documents required under the ESCP.	Instrument report to the Bank no later than 30 calendar days after	
	Summary of stakeholder engagement activities carried out as per the Stakeholder Engagement Plan.	the end of each reporting period.	
	Complaints submitted to the grievance mechanism(s), the grievance log, and progress made in resolving them.		
	E&S performance of contractors and subcontractors as reported through monthly contractors' and supervision firms' reports.		
	Number and status of resolution of incidents and accidents reported under action E below.		
	 Assessment of implemented mitigation measures and monitoring results per each site-specific E&S Instrument. 		
D	CONTRACTORS' MONTHLY REPORTS	Submit the monthly reports to the Bank upon request.	PIT
	Require contractors and supervising firms to provide monthly monitoring reports on E&S performance in accordance with the metrics specified in the respective bidding documents and contracts and submit such reports to the Bank.		
E	INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS	Notify the Bank no later than 48 hours after learning of the incident	PIT
	Notify the Bank of any incident or accident relating to the project which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the public or workers,	or accident. Provide available details upon request.	
	including those resulting in death or significant injury to workers or the public; acts of violence,		
	discrimination or protest; unforeseen impacts to cultural heritage or biodiversity resources;	Provide review report and	
	pollution of the environment; dam failure; forced or child labor; displacement without due process	Corrective Action Plan to the Bank	
	(forced eviction); allegations of sexual exploitation or abuse (SEA), or sexual harassment (SH); or	no later than 10 days following the	
	disease outbreaks. Provide available details of the incident or accident to the Bank upon request.	submission of the initial notice,	
		unless a different timeframe is	
		agreed to in writing by the Bank.	

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	Arrange for an appropriate review of the incident or accident to establish its immediate, underlying and root causes. Prepare, agree with the [Bank/Association], and implement a Corrective Action Plan that sets out the measures and actions to be taken to address the incident or accident and prevent its recurrence.		
ESS 1:	ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS		
1.1	1. Prepare and implement an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) for the Project, consistent with the relevant ESSs. 2. Prepare and implement the subproject, site-specific Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and corresponding Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) ESMP Checklists or ESCOP for the project as set out in the ESMF and consistent with the relevant ESSs. The proposed subprojects and activities described in the exclusion list set out in the ESMF shall be ineligible to receive financing under the Project. 3. For activities that will fall under the Contingent Emergency Response Component (CERC) a CERC Manual will be prepared to include a general description of the E&S assessment and management arrangements. Definition of CERC Manual and CERC component E&S due diligence procedures will be guided by the Project-level ESMF E&S Review Procedures and fully complaint to ESF and WB EHSG.	1. Prepare the ESMF prior to Appraisal and thereafter implement the ESMF throughout Project implementation. 2. Prepare the ESIA and ESMP, ESMP Checklists or ESCOP prior to subproject/activity bidding, and thereafter implement the ESIA and ESMP throughout Project implementation. 3. Prepare CERC Manual prior to activation of CERC and any respective disbursements. All subsequent E&S due diligence procedures for CERC component will be prepared prior to start of works on the ground, as mandated by the CERC Manual.	1.RS PC Roads/PIT 2. PIT 3. PIE
1.2	Incorporate the relevant aspects of the ESCP, including, inter alia, [specify relevant E&S assessments or plans], the Labor Management Procedures, and code of conduct, into the E&S specifications of the procurement documents and contracts with contractors and supervising firms. Thereafter ensure that the contractors and supervising firms comply and that they require their subcontractors to comply with the E&S specifications of their respective contracts. Provide copies of the relevant contracts with contractors/subcontractors and supervision firms to the Bank.	As part of the preparation of procurement documents and respective contracts. Supervise contractors throughout Project implementation. Copies of relevant contracts provided to the Bank upon request.	PIT

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1.3	Carry out the consultancies, studies (including feasibility studies, if applicable), capacity building, training, and any other technical assistance activities under the Project including, inter alia Safety Road Inspections, design of road sections and road elements (e.g. bridges, viaducts, tunnels), maintenance plans and procedures, and other identified during Project implementation in accordance with terms of reference acceptable to the Bank, that are consistent with the ESSs. Thereafter prepare and finalize the outputs of such activities in compliance with the terms of reference.	Throughout Project implementation.	PIT
1.4	ASSOCIATED FACILITIES Ensure that the activities in the Associated Facility (AF) are carried out in accordance with the applicable requirements of this ESCP and the ESSs, including, inter alia, ESMF, ESMP (ESIA or ESMP Checklist, whichever will apply according to identified AF risk), LMP, management of contractors, RAP, SEP, etc.	Before commencement of the bidding process for works of the AF.	PIT
ESS 2:	LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS		
2.1	Prepare and implement the Labor Management Procedures (LMP) for the Project.	Prepare the LMP prior to Project Appraisal, and thereafter implement the LMP throughout Project implementation.	RS PC Roads/PIT
2.2	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT PLAN Prepare and implement an OHS Management Plan to assess and manage the OHS risks and impacts of the Project. AND Require contractors and subcontractors to prepare and implement OHS Management Measures or Plan in accordance with the ESMF	Prepare the OHS Management Plan prior to relevant Project activities, and thereafter implement the plan throughout Project implementation.	PIT
2.3	GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT WORKERS Establish and operate a grievance mechanism for Project workers, as described in the LMP and consistent with ESS2.	Establish grievance mechanism prior engaging Project workers and thereafter maintain and operate it throughout Project implementation.	PIT

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5.1	1. Prepare and implement a Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) for the Project, consistent with ESS5. 2. Prepare and implement a Resettlement Audit (RA) for all land acquisition or land use restrictions occurring prior to the project, but which were undertaken or initiated in anticipation of, or in preparation for, the project. Implement all measures (remedial actions) identified in the RA to close identified gaps in meeting	RPF prior to Project Appraisal, and thereafter implement the RPF throughout Project implementation. Prepare the RA and implement prescribed measures, including any additional payments of compensation prior to disbursement of funds for relevant	PIT
	the requirements of ESS5. 3. Prepare and implement a Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) or a Livelihood Restoration Plan (LRP) for each activity under the Project for such RAP or LRP is required, as set out in the RPF and consistent with ESS5. No additional expropriations for the civil works will be initiated prior to the approval of the Resettlement Action Plan.	works 3. Prepare and implement the respective RP or LRP prior to carrying out the relevant works, including ensuring that before taking possession of the land and related assets, full compensation has been provided and as applicable displaced people have been resettled and moving allowances have been provided.	
6.1	BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES BIODIVERSITY RISKS AND IMPACTS Prepare and implement a Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) or tailor biodiversity protection measures as part of the ESMP, in accordance with the guidelines of the ESMF prepared for the Project, and consistent with ESS6.	Prepare the BMP prior to the bidding of sub-project/activity if the need is identified during E&S screening, and thereafter implement the BMP throughout Project implementation.	PIT
	CULTURAL HERITAGE		
8.1	CULTURAL HERITAGE RISKS AND IMPACTS Prepare and implement a Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) in accordance with the guidelines of the ESMF prepared for the Project, and consistent with ESS8.	Prepare the CHMP prior to bidding, and thereafter implement the CHMP throughout Project implementation.	PIT

Describe the chance finds procedures in the ESMF before Appraisal, and in ESMP and other relevant E&S Instruments as part of its preparation. Implement the chance finds procedures throughout Project implementation. Update the SEP prior to Project appraisal and site-specific SEPs before bidding of sub- projects/activities and thereafter implement the SEPs throughout	PIT
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Establish the GRM six months into effectiveness, but before project activities start, and thereafter maintain and operate the mechanism throughout Project implementation.	RS PC Roads/PIT PIU
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ESMF, Project SEP, RPF, Project LMP prepared, WB reviewed and approved, disclosed, consulted and finalized before Appraisal.

ANNEX 1 - MINUTES OF MEETING FOR THE SET OF FRAMEWORK ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL DOCUMENTS

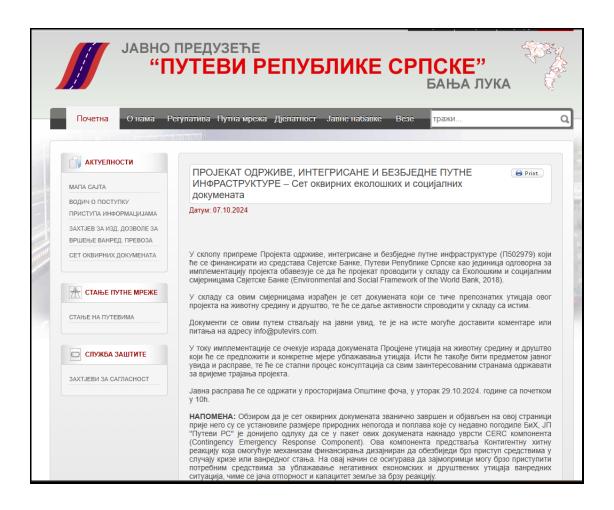
Public consultation process for the Set of framework environmental and social documents for **Sustainable**, **Integrated and Safe Road Infrastructure Project** started on October 7, 2024. The draft version of the ESF was disclosed on Public Company "RS Roads" Ltd. and Foca Municipality web site.

Notification for public consultation process and public consultations meeting was published in English and local language:

https://shorturl.at/VpDi1

https://shorturl.at/6rIOX

Below you can see the published news on the mentioned websites:





Одјељење за просторно уређење и стамбено комуналне послове Општинске управе Општине Фоча заказује

ЈАВНУ РАСПРАВУ

о Пројекту одрживе, интегрисане и безбједне путне инфраструктуре

У склопу припреме Пројекта одрживе, интегрисане и безбједне путне инфраструктуре (П502979) који ће се финансирати из средстава Свјетске Банке, Јавно предузеће "Путеви Републике Српске" као јединица одговорна за имплементацију пројекта обавезује се да ће пројекат проводити у складу са Еколошким и социјалним смјерницама Свјетске Банке (Environmental and Social Framework of the World Bank, 2018).

Пројекат одрживе, интегрисане и безбједне инфраструктуре обухвата више компоненти од којих се прва односи на реконструкцију магистралног пута првог реда М − I III на дионици Брод На Дрини (Фоча) − Хум (Шћепан Поље).

У складу са овим смјерницама израђен је сет докумената који се тиче препознатих утицаја овог пројекта на животну средину и друштво, те ће се даље активности спроводити у складу са истим.

Документи се путем званичне интернт адресе Јавног предузећа "Путеви Републике Српске" (www.putevirs.com) стављају на јавни увид, те је на исте могуће доставити коментаре или питања на адресу info@putevirs.com.

У току имплементације се очекује израда докумената Процјене утицаја на животну средину и друштво који ће се предложити и конкретне мјере ублажавања утицаја. Исти ће такође бити предметом јавног увида и расправе, те ће се стални процес консултација са свим заинтересованим странама одржавати за вријеме трајања пројекта.

Јавна расправа ће се одржати у просторијама Општине Фоча, у такозваној "Сали ДПО" у уторак 29.10.2024. године са почетком у 10h.

Позива се заинтересована јавност да узме учешће у Јавној расправи коју ће водити овлашћени представници ЈП "ПутевиРС".

In addition, via e-mail, representatives of Roads RS and Foca Municipality informed the Ministry of Spatial Planning, Construction and Ecology, as well as other interested parties and non-governmental organizations, about the consultation process and public inspection.

Public consultation meeting was held on October 29, 2024.

The meeting started at 10 a.m.

Public consultation meeting was organised jointly for the set of framework environmental and social documents for Sustainable, Integrated and Safe Road Infrastructure Project. This set of framework documents consists of:

 ${\sf ESMF-Environmental} \ {\sf and} \ {\sf Social} \ {\sf Management} \ {\sf Framefork}$

SEP - Stakeholder Engagement Plan

ESCP - Environmental and Social Commitment Plan

LMP – Labor Management Procedures

RPF - Resettlement Policy Framework

At the public consultation meeting following representatives from Roads RS were present: Mrs. Tamara Mlađenović Piljagić and Mrs. Branka Đukić.

In front of Foca Municipality, Mr. Ranko Popović was present.

List of attendees that joined public consultation meeting:

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At the beginning of the meeting, Mrs. Tamara greeted everyone present and presented basic information about the project and a set of framework documents. All components of the Project (including CERC component) were explained. Mrs. Branka presented the documentation, emphasizing the purpose, approach and importance of creating documents.

The identified environmental and social risks, potential impacts of the project, as well as instruments and measures for their mitigation and/or elimination are presented.

The cover page of the presentation:



After presentation, Mr. Ranko Popović took the floor stating the significance of the Project for the entire region, primarily emphasizing the Component 1.1 Upgrade of Route 2b between Brod na Drini (Foca) and Hum (Scepan Polje).

Mr. Dzevad Celik had a comment regarding expropriation for this Component, stating that he had received an offer for expropriation and that he had filed an appeal against it. The comment was received with the reply that all procedures will be carried out in accordance with the legislation in RS and that this case will be taken into consideration.

During the consultation period no comments were received on Set of Framework Environmental and Social Documents, nor electronically nor via hard copy.

Photos:



