

CROATIA EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY AND PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS PROJECT

(Loan no. 9127-HR) Project implementation unit

NOTIFICATION ABOUT THE BEGINNING OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Reconstruction and upgrading of the building of the FEEC in Zagreb Sub-Project

We hereby inform the public about the beginning of public consultations, along with key information about the public consultation process and its duration, which are being conducted as part of stakeholder engagement activities in the pre-construction phase of the Reconstruction and upgrading of the building of the FEEC in Zagreb Sub-Project (hereinafter: Sub-Project).

The planned Sub-Project is being implemented as part of the Croatia Earthquake Recovery and Public Health Preparedness Project financed by the World Bank Loan (Loan 9127-HR), and envisages the design of the reconstruction and upgrading of the building within the university complex (Building A) of FEEC. More information about the Project and the Sub-Project are available on the Project website: https://www.oporavak-i-pripravnost.hr.

In accordance with the World Bank Environmental and Social Standard 10 (hereinafter: ESS 10) on Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure, within the Sub-Project, stakeholder engagement activities are carried out, including the public consultation process in question. According to ESS 10, meaningful consultation is a two-way process that: (a) begins early in the project planning process to gather initial views on the project proposal and inform the project design; (b) encourages stakeholder feedback, particularly as a way of informing the project design and engagement by stakeholders in the identification and mitigation of environmental and social risks and impacts; (c) continues on an ongoing basis, as risks and impacts arise; (d) is based on the prior disclosure and dissemination of relevant, transparent, objective, meaningful and easily accessible information in a timeframe that enables meaningful consultation with stakeholders in a culturally appropriate format, in relevant local language(s) and is understandable to stakeholders; (e) considers and responds to feedback; (f) supports active and inclusive engagement with project-affected parties; (g) is free of external manipulation, interference, coercion, discrimination and intimidation; and (h) is documented and disclosed.

The public consultation process within the Sub-Project will begin with the public disclosure of the Environmental and Social Management Plan (hereinafter: ESMP) on the Project website in the *Documents* section. The ESMP will be published in Croatian and English, and the public consultation will last for two weeks, from the publication of the ESMP on March 10, 2025 to March 24, 2025. During this period, stakeholders will have the opportunity to ask questions, comments and suggestions by email to info.fer@mpgi.hr.