



Social Risk & Resettlement

Professional Training

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Build your confidence in managing social risks and resettlement impacts with our 5-day training course in Lisbon.

Developed in partnership with IFC and leading industry experts, this intensive program combines practical case studies, peer learning, and expert insights. Follow the stages of International Finance Institutions' investment decisions, from initial screening to project monitoring, embedding international lender and human rights standards. Whether you work for companies, financial institutions, or as an advisor, you'll gain valuable skills to navigate complex social and human rights challenges associated with resettlement in project development. The course offers CPD certification and unique networking opportunities, including direct consultation with IFI representatives. Join us this September to enhance your expertise in the challenging field of project-induced displacement of people and livelihoods.

PARTICIPANTS

Learn from world-class practitioners who shape industry standards in social performance and human rights. Our expert faculty brings together senior representatives from International Financial Institutions, leading consultants, and renowned academics—each contributing decades of hands-on experience in lender due diligence, planning, implementation and monitoring of resettlement and livelihood restoration, and human rights due diligence.

Through their real-world cases and insights, you'll gain practical knowledge that bridges international standards with on-the-ground implementation. This diverse team of trainers offers you direct access to the latest thinking and best practices in social risk management across multiple sectors and global contexts.

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LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the training program, course participants will be able to:

- 01 Demonstrate awareness of overall approaches to the identification and management of project-related social risks in line with international standards
- 02 Understand potential project-induced displacement risks and impacts and be able to identify and manage risks and impacts in projects in different locations and contexts
- 03 Explain the social and human rights risks and impacts for people and communities that are impacted by resettlement or displacement by projects
- 04 Apply international standards to access or acquire land and/or natural resources used by communities
- 05 Recognise how company, project and lender practices can be improved to reflect the importance of these issues

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION EARLY!

Given the high demand and restricted class capacity, admissions to the course are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Admission requirements

Applicants must demonstrate that they fall in at least one of the following categories:

- Professionals in ESG, social performance, human rights or sustainability roles who work in, or advise, companies, governments or lenders that develop investment projects that restrict people's access to land and natural resources and/or resettle people and/or displace their livelihoods;
- Members of transaction teams, and their advisors, in financial institutions that finance such projects;
- Specialists who conduct project appraisal, due diligence, ongoing supervision and outcomes evaluation to IFC PSs, EP4, or equivalent international standards;
- Specialists who support corporate human rights due diligence in accordance with UNGP, or CSDDD or other legislation related to business and human rights.

Application procedure

Potential applicants should submit their application through the link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/kRNhEa5tYV>

Acceptance for eligible applicants is on first-come, first served basis

Course Fee

€ 3.500 for private sector practitioners and government representatives from OECD countries.

€ 3.000 discount rate for IFC staff and clients, NGO participants and government representatives from non-OECD countries.

Travel & Visas

Participants are responsible for their own travel (including flights, visa and local transport) and accommodation arrangements.

All applicants will need to comply with the entry requirements to Portugal, for more information about visa requirements please visit https://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/travel/entry-exit/non-eu-nationals/index_en.htm