

# **FAST-*Infra* Label**

## **G002: Supporters Terms of References**

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The FAST-Infra Label is a credible, consistent, integrative, and globally applicable labelling system designed to empower investors to identify and evaluate the sustainability and resilience performances of sustainable infrastructure projects, with the overarching objective of supporting potential investors investment into sustainable infrastructure to make informed decisions and play a role in the development of creating a liquid asset class.

The FAST-Infra Label took effect in January 2025 with V1.0. All revision cycles begin from this date. In line with ISEAL requirements, the Secretariat will review all Label documents at least every five years, and may revise them earlier if needed.

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## 1. OVERVIEW

### 1.1 General

The FAST-Infra Label is a credible, consistent, and globally applicable labelling system designed to identify and evaluate sustainable infrastructure projects, with the overarching objective of supporting sustainable infrastructure and creating a liquid asset class. The FAST-Infra Label assesses infrastructures on several criteria across four dimensions: environmental, social, governance, and resilience and adaptation, using indicators and benchmarks from other existing frameworks. The FAST-Infra Label is already applied in some funds to select sustainable and resilient projects. The FAST-Infra Group has designated the Global Infrastructure Basel Foundation (GIB) as the Secretariat and Bloomberg L.P. as Data Repository for the FAST-Infra Label.

The FAST-Infra Label's group of Supporters therefore serves as a platform to further drive the recognition, public awareness and adoption of the Label's aforementioned mission.

### 1.2 Objectives

Supporters of the FAST-Infra Label are individuals or organisations that commit to supporting the global transition to sustainable and resilient infrastructure by actively promoting sustainable infrastructure as defined in the 14 criteria of the FAST-Infra Label:

1. Protection and Enhancement of Biodiversity & the Natural Environment
2. Climate Change Mitigation/GHG Emissions Reduction
3. Transition to a Circular Economy
4. Embedding Pollution Prevention and Control<sup>1</sup>
5. Evaluating Risks and Building Resilience and Adaptive Capacity at the Project and System Scales
6. Promoting Gender & Ability Inclusivity
7. Promoting Health & Safety
8. Protection and Enhancement of Human & Labour Rights
9. Land Acquisition & Resettlement Mitigation
10. Promoting Stakeholder Engagement
11. Embedding Anti-corruption Policies & Procedures
12. Embedding Transparency & Accountability Policies & Procedures
13. Embedding Government Policies for Project Fiscal Transparency & Procedures
14. Embedding Sustainability & Compliance Policies & Procedures

### 1.3 Composition

Supporters represent the stakeholder groups that are directly or indirectly involved in sustainable infrastructure (see Annex 1). These stakeholders could include, but are not limited to:

- Financiers, investors & banks;
- Civil society and public institutions;
- Infrastructure contractors, consultants and suppliers.

## 2. ENGAGEMENT

### 2.1 General

Alongside championing the Label's criteria, Supporters may also support the uptake of the label by:

- Contributing to the exchange of knowledge, experiences, and best practices in sustainable infrastructure;
- Serving as ambassadors, advocating for the adoption of sustainable practices in infrastructure development;
- Facilitating connections between the FAST-Infra Label and external partners; and/or
- Participating in Label events and forums to build relationships and foster collaboration.

### 2.2 Membership process

Prospective Supporters are invited to submit an application form. Submissions are evaluated by the FAST-Infra Label Secretariat, which reserves the right to approve or reject applications. All decisions by the FAST-Infra Label Secretariat are final.

### 2.3 Benefits

FAST-Infra Label Supporters have a unique opportunity to join a diverse group of stakeholders who are all committed to driving the sustainable transformation of infrastructure. Supporters enhance their contribution to the advancement of sustainable development while meaningfully boosting their relationship with their respective stakeholders. FAST-Infra Label Supporters:

- receive invitations to events related to the FAST-Infra Label and sustainable infrastructure;
- receive regular updates on Label activities, achievements, and emerging opportunities;
- benefit from increased exposure;
- are granted permission to claim 'FAST-Infra Label Supporter' status in official communications, publications, and the Label's online platforms;
- enjoy access to a community of like-minded professionals supporting sustainable infrastructure across the value chain.

### 2.4 Meetings and communication

Supporters are under no obligation to attend any Label events, meetings, or other activities.

### 2.5 Remuneration and fees

There are no fees or remuneration associated with Supporter status.

### 3. USE OF LOGOS; CLAIMS

**3.1** Supporters grant permission to the FAST-Infra Label Secretariat to use their/their organisation's logo solely for the purpose of indicating their or their organisation's support of the FAST-Infra Label. The FAST-Infra Label Secretariat will not use an Supporter's name or logo for any other purpose without the express written approval of the Supporter. The FAST-Infra Label Secretariat shall not modify, alter, or distort the Supporter's logo in any manner without the prior written consent of the Supporter.

**3.2** Supporters are granted permission to use the FAST-Infra Label logo solely for the purpose of indicating their support of the FAST-Infra Label. The Supporter shall not modify, alter, or distort the Supporter's logo in any manner without the prior written consent of the FAST-Infra Label Secretariat.

**3.3** Supporters are permitted to make claims and representations specifically related to their support of the FAST-Infra Label. Supporters are explicitly prohibited from making any other claims, representations, or statements regarding the FAST-Infra Label without the express prior written consent of the FAST-Infra Label Secretariat. Prohibited claims include, but are not limited to, any claims of a broader partnership, cooperation, or affiliation between the Supporter and the FAST-Infra Label, or any claims of support or endorsement by the FAST-Infra Label of the Supporter or the Supporter's organisation.

**3.4** Any claims or usage of the FAST-Infra Label logo that could potentially damage the reputation or goodwill of the Label or the Label Secretariat are strictly prohibited.

**3.5** The FAST-Infra Label Secretariat reserves the right to revoke the Supporter's permission to use the logo at any time, without cause or liability. In such cases, the Partner agrees to immediately cease all use of the logo and remove the logo and all relevant claims from their communications and other materials.

## 4. WITHDRAWAL OF SUPPORT; WITHDRAWAL OF SUPPORTERS STATUS

**4.1** The Supporter may withdraw their support of the FAST-Infra Label at any time, without cause or liability. Upon receiving notice from the Supporter that they wish to withdraw their support of the FAST-Infra Label, the Secretariat will take all reasonable and necessary steps to remove all references to the Supporter and their logo from its communications and other materials.

**4.2** The FAST-Infra Label secretariat reserves the right to withdraw a person's or an organisation's Supporter status without cause or liability, for reasons that may include, but are not limited to, the non-alignment of the Supporter with the values and principles of the FAST-Infra Label. All removal decisions are final. In such an event, the Supporter shall be notified of the Secretariat's decision. Removed Supporters shall take all reasonable and necessary steps to remove the FAST-Infra Label logo and all references to the support from its communications and other materials, and shall refrain from making any such claims in the future.

## 5. LIABILITY

The FAST-Infra Label Secretariat shall have no responsibility for any adverse effects, losses, or damages incurred by the Supporter as a result of the Supporter's support or endorsement. The Supporter acknowledges and agrees that the FAST-Infra Label Secretariat shall not be liable for any indirect, consequential, special, or incidental damages arising out of or in connection with the Supporter's support or endorsement. The Supporter agrees to indemnify and hold the FAST-Infra Label Secretariat harmless from and against any claims, losses, liabilities, damages, costs, or expenses arising out of or in connection with the Supporter's support or endorsement.

## ANNEX 1

## FAST-Infra Label Stakeholder Mapping

Category	Sub-categories	Participation Goals	How to reach / Representation
Academia	International	Academics will have an interest that the latest scientific findings are represented in the Label.	Identification of researchers and their projects, initiatives, invite to regional meeting(s).
	Switzerland		Identification of researchers and their projects, initiatives, invite to expert group. (ETH, HSR, etc.)
States/ Governments		Procurement of projects, regulation, stability	Through intergovernmental org. (OECD, G20, UN) and relevant ministries
Producers	National/municipal governments	Project owners and developers will be among the primary users of the Label (e.g. include ESG criteria in their proposals) -> give input on its material content, as well as the guidelines. Applicability tests. Engineering associations should be on board as they are expected to be among the promoters of the Label.	Easy to reach in large number through city networks such as ICLEI and C40, which should be represented in expert group. Have cities in regional meeting(s).
	EPC firms / project developers		Firms who do international projects in different countries might be most suitable.
	Engineering associations		Are best reached through FIDIC, the international association.
	City planners		Integrate as representatives of municipal governments.
Consumers	Users and consumers	Making sure that issues like inclusiveness, universal access, socially acceptable prices are included.	Reach through consumer organisations and NGOs.
	Affected communities and disadvantaged groups	Especially interested in issues like land rights.	Best reached through NGO representation in the expert group and case study testing.
Financiers	Public sector	The FAST-Infra initiative intends to mobilise the private sector into infrastructure. It has largely interacted with financiers in its early stages of development.	Leverage early Interest shown by country donors (France, Singapore and Switzerland).
	National and multilateral development banks		Might have different approaches for different regions. Stay in contact with suitable contacts at several big MDBs. The AfDB as a broker for implementation in Africa.
	Private investors		Invite to expert meetings representatives of private investment firms who already have interest in ESG and have stated interest in supporting the Label.
	Banks		Invite banks to expert meeting who have a strong interest in project finance.

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Interest groups / NGOs	Society / Development	Making sure that infrastructure is developed in respect of human rights and labour standards, is inclusive and developmental.	Include NGOs (e.g. through Alliance Sud, e.g. Transparency International) in expert group; Inform suitable NGOs of public consultation.
	Environment	Making sure that infrastructure is developed in an environmentally sound manner.	Include organisations such as BAFU, WWF etc. in expert group; Inform suitable NGOs of public consultation.
	Economy / Governance	Assuring sound financial and managerial governance in infrastructure, especially regarding transparency/corruption.	Include Transparency International in Expert Group; Inform suitable NGOs of public consultation.
Other schemes	Strategic guidelines	Interested to know what potential competitors are doing. Establish common terminology. Want to assure compatibility and work towards mutual recognition. Avoid too many overlaps.	Foster bilateral relationship with schemes closest to The FAST-Infra Label; keep them informed about scope and process of Label and draw on their experience; collaborate and work towards mutual recognition.
	Management and decision-support tools		
	Responsible investment		
	Standard and certification schemes		
Sectors	Energy (generation and efficiency)	Industry experts from different infrastructure sectors have an interest to make sure the Label is applicable in their field, refers to specific issues in each sector etc.	Hold sectoral expert meetings to confront Label content with "reality"; Later: conduct case studies and sectoral testing of the Label
	Water (including waste water)		
	Transport		
	Solid waste		
	Soft infrastructure		
	Public space		
Regions	Africa	Regional representatives have an interest to make sure the global Label is applicable in different regions and reflects geographical realities and challenges.	Hold regional expert meetings to confront the Label with geographical "realities"; Conduct case studies and regional testing of the Label.