

# Albania

## Stakeholder engagement – template for EITI data collection

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## Introduction

The EITI requires effective multi-stakeholder oversight, including a functioning multi-stakeholder group that involves the government, companies, and the full, independent, active and effective participation of civil society.

The key requirements related to multi-stakeholder oversight include: (1.1) government engagement; (1.2) industry engagement; (1.3) civil society engagement, including [EITI Protocol: Participation of civil society](#), and (1.4) the establishment and functioning of a multi-stakeholder group.

The purpose of this template is to collect information from MSG members about the implementation of these provisions. Parts I to IV of this template should be completed and submitted to the International Secretariat by the commencement of Validation.

Part I: MSG oversight addresses Requirement 1.4.b and should be approved by the MSG before submission to the International Secretariat.

Parts II to IV should be completed by each constituency and submitted to the International Secretariat. These should be shared with the MSG for information.

The Validation team will undertake virtual or in-person consultations to gather additional information. Ahead of the Validation, a public call for stakeholder views will be launched by the International Secretariat.

## Part I: MSG oversight

*This section is to be filled out by the national secretariat or an MSG working group and should be approved by the MSG before submission to the International Secretariat.*

### MSG members and attendance

**1. Current MSG members. Please fill out the table below. Add rows when necessary.**

Constituency	Full/ alternate member	Member since (MM/YY)	Name	Position	Organisation	Gender	Meetings attended in period under review (dates)
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Government Representative	Full member	October 2013	ILIR BEJTJA	Head of MSG/ Deputy Minister of Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy	Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy	Male	31.10.2019 12.02.2019 08.06.2020 06.07.2020 25.03.2021 17.06.2021	
Government Representative	Full member	January 2018	MEHMET HASALAMI	Director of Directorate of Development Programs in the Field of Mining and Industry	Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy	Male	11.04.2019 11.01.2019	
Government Representative	Full member	September 2021	Rudolf Papa	Cabinet Director of the Minister	Ministry of Finance and Economy	Male		
	Former member	December 2017	Majlinda Hafizi	Director of the Directorate of economic development		Female		
Government Representative	Full member	January 2018	TETIS LUBONJA	Director of Integration and Projects	Ministry of Justice	Female	11.04.2019 24.01.2020	
Government Representative	Full member	March 2019	MIMOZA SALLAKU	Director of Accounting Analysis Directorate	General Directorate of Taxes	Female	11.04.2019 12.02.2021 25.03.2021 17.06.2021	
Government Representative	Full member	December 2017	BILAL KOÇI	Director of the Directorate of Mineral Resources	Geological Albanian Service	Male	31.10.2019 11.04.2019 12.02.2019 11.01.2019 24.01.2020	
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Government Representative	Full member	December 2018	ROBERT BESHELLO	Specialist in the Mining Directorate of National Agency of Natural Resources	National Agency of Natural Resources	Male	02.12.2019 31.10.2019 11.04.2019 12.02.2019 11.01.2019 24.01.2020 08.06.2020 17.06.2021
Civil Society Representative	Full member	2010 re-elected in February 2019	SAMI NEZAJ	Head of Center for Transparency and Free Information	Center for Transparency and Free Information	Male	31.10.2019 11.04.2019 12.02.2019 24.01.2020 08.06.2020 06.07.2020 12.02.2021 25.03.2021 17.06.2021
<b>Constituency</b>	<b>Full/alternate member</b>	<b>Member since (MM/YY)</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Meetings attended in period under review (dates)</b>
Civil Society Representative	Full member	2010 re-elected in February 2019	ANILA HAJNAJ	Head of Albanian Center for Development and Integration	Albanian Center for Development and Integration	Female	02.12.2019 31.10.2019 11.04.2019 12.02.2019
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							24.01.2020 08.06.2020 06.07.2020 25.03.2021 17.06.2021
Civil Society Representative	Full member	February 12, 2019	OLA MITRE	Head of Women for the Protection of Natural Resources	Women for the Protection of Natural Resources	Female	31.10.2019 11.04.2019 12.02.2019 24.01.2020 08.06..2020 06.07.2020 12.02.2021 25.03.2021 17.06.2021
Civil Society Representative	Full member	February 12, 2019	LORENC GORDANI	Head of Albanian Center for International Law	Albanian Center for International Law	Male	02.12.2019 31.10.2019 12.02.2019 24.01.2020 08.06.2020 06.07.2020 12.02.2021 25.03.2021 17.06.2021
Civil Society Representative	Full member	February 12, 2019	KUSHTRIM SIMONI	Head of Media Policy Research Center	Media Policy Research Center	Male	02.12.2019 11.04.2019 12.02.2021
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							17.06.2021
Business Representative	Full member	September 2021	Florian Mucaj	ALBPETROI Administrator	ALBPETROL	Male	
	Former Member	June 2018	Anisa Canaj	Director director of coordination and representation with institutions			
Business Representative	Full member	Spetember 2021	Mariola Kito	HR and HR & Administration and Compliance Manager.	Statkraft Albania	Female	
Business Representative	Full member	Spetember 2021	Ergi Nuri	Government Relations and Policy and Advocacy Advisor	Shell Upstream Albania B.V.	Male	
Business Representative	Full member	From 2009, reassigned in 2019	PERPARIM ALIKAJ	Chairman of FIAA Committee of Mining Oil & Gas	FIAA	Male	31.10.2019
							11.04.2019
							12.02.2019
							11.01.2019
							24.01.2020
							06.07.2020
							12.02.2021
25.03.2021							
17.06.2021							

Business Representative	Full member	From 2014, reassigned in 2019	DRITAN DERVISHAJ	Environmental & Quarries Manager	ANTEA CEMENT	Male	31.10.2019 12.02.2019 11.01.2019 08.06.2020 25.03.2021 17.06.2021
Constituency	Full/ alternate member	Member since (MM/YY)	Name	Position	Organisation	Gender	Meetings attended in period under review (dates)
Government Representative	Contributor	June 7, 2021	FLUTURA MADHI	Director of the Directorate of Planning and Revenue Analysis.	General Directorate of Customs	Female	17.06.2021
Government Representative	Contributor	January 2018	ATHANAS KARAJA	General Director General Directorate of Regulatory and Tourism Compliance and Environment	Ministry of Tourism and Environment	Male	11.04.2019 11.01.2019
Government Representative	Alternate member	30. 06. 2021	ELKIDA SINANI	Specialist at Ministry of Tourism and Environment	Ministry of Tourism and Environment	Female	
Government Representative	Alternate member	2016 (represented always by Gledis Kalemi)	ERJOLA SADUSHI	Member of Board of Commissioners	Energy Regulator Authority	Female	
Government Representative	Alternate member	January 2019	GLEDIS KALEMI	Head of Sector in the Directorate of Tariffs and Prices	Energy Regulator Authority	Male	31.10.2019 24.01.2020
<b>EITI International Secretariat</b>							<b>7</b>

							25.03.2021
							17.06.2021
Government Representative	Alternate member	January 2018	ENTE LA MUHA	Specialist At Ministry of Justice	Ministry of Justice	Female	24.01.2020 25.03.2021
Government Representative	Alternate member	December 2018	MYNYR SINANAJ	Specialist at National Agency of Natural Resources	AKBN	Male	

**2. Changes in membership in the period under review and the reason behind each change. (I.e. if there are people who have been members in the period under review but no longer are.) Please fill out the table below. Add rows when necessary.**

Constituency	Name of former member	End of MSG membership (MM/YY)	Reason for membership ending	Replaced by
Government Representatives	Majlinda Hafizi	April 2020	Reallocation of the representatives by MFE	Mr. Rudolf Papa
Representatives of Extractive Industries Operators/ Albpétrol	Enida Bezhani	September 2021	Doesn't work for Albpétrol anymore. Replaced with the Administrator of Albpétrol	Mr. Florian Muçaj
Representatives of Extractive Industries Operators/ Shell	Rohan D'Souza member since Januarz 2019	September 2021	Doesn't work in Albania anymore	Replaced in September 2021 bzyMr. Ergi Nuri
Representatives of Extractive Industries Operators/Selenica Bitum	Pandeli Bombaj	September 2021	Was no longer active in the meeetings and the activities	Replaced with Statkraft representative Mrs. Mariola Kito

### Elements of MSG Terms of Reference (1.4.b)

**3. MSG working groups and technical committees. If the MSG has established working groups or committees, please describe briefly their mandate and membership.**



1. Establishment a Working Group by the MSG, which will be engaged in drafting a 2019 National Work Plan and will result as a product of wider stakeholder discussions, addressing Corrective Actions on the Validation Process and the use of the EITI Report

2. In the framework of the third International Validation process on the activity of EITI Albania, a Working Group composed of three interest groups was created to oversee the ongoing implementation of recommendations given by the Validation Mission and the fulfillment in line with the EITI Standard.

1. ILIR BEJTJA, Head of MSG, Government Representative
2. PERPARIM ALIKAJ, Foreign Investors Association of Albania, Business Representative
3. ANILA HAJNAJ, Albanian Center for Development and Integration, Civil Society Representative

## MSG Terms of Reference and practices

### 4. Link(s) to publicly available MSG Terms of Reference and/or other documents containing the provisions of Requirement 1.4.b.

Link of MSG ToRs:

<https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/regulation-of-msg/>

Minutes of meetings on MSG ToRs discussion:

<http://www.albeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Takim-MSG-02.-06.-2015-Minutat.pdf>

<http://www.albeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Takimi-MSG-16-10-2015-Minutat.pdf>

<http://www.albeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Minutat-e-Takimit-MSG-6-MAJ-2016.pdf>

### 5. Date of MSG approval of its latest Terms of Reference or similar document containing the provisions under EITI Requirement 1.4.b.

Order No. 454 of Minister of Infrastructure and Energy, December 30, 2016

### 6. MSG's policies and practices. Please fill out the table below.

	<b>Where is the policy documented?</b>	<b>Briefly describe practices in the period under review. Please explain any discrepancies between the ToR and the practice.</b>
<b>The role, responsibilities and rights of the MSG</b>		
Definition of the role, responsibilities and rights of the MSG and its members.	Chapter II of MSG ToRs Rights, Duties and Obligations	<i>[Have the roles, responsibilities and rights been respected in practice?]</i>  <b>Yes</b>
Adherence to the EITI Association code of conduct, including addressing conflicts of interest.	MSG ToRs, Article, 12 Conflict of Interest	<i>[Has the code of conduct been adhered to in practice? If conflicts of interest have emerged, how have these been addressed?]</i>  <b>No conflict of interest has been ascertained for the period in question</b>
<b>Approval of work plans and oversight of implementation</b>		
Approval of annual work plans.	MSG ToRs, Article 8	<i>[Did the MSG approve the latest work plan? If yes, when?]</i>  <b>Yes, in the beginning of each consecutive year</b>
Oversight of the EITI reporting process and engagement in Validation, including approval of Independent Administrator ToRs and EITI Reports.	MSG ToRs, Article 8	<i>[Is the MSG providing effective oversight of implementation? Has the MSG approved ToRs and EITI Reports? If yes, when?]</i>  <b>Yes, all the ToRs of different activities are approved by MSG, by regular MSG meetings or circulars (email)</b>  <b>Year 2019</b>  <a href="https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/year-2019/">https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/year-2019/</a>  <b>Year 2020</b>  <a href="https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/year-">https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/year-</a>

		<p><a href="#">2020/</a></p> <p><i>Year 2021</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/year-2021/">https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/year-2021/</a></p>
<p><b>Internal governance rules and procedures</b></p>		
<p>Inclusive decision-making process throughout implementation, with each constituency being treated as a partner and with the right to table issues.</p>	<p><i>MSG ToRs, Article 14</i></p>	<p><i>[Have all MSG members been able to table issues for discussion in practice?]</i></p> <p><i>Yes, always. For further details MSG minutes of meetings can be consulted</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/msg-meetings/">https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/msg-meetings/</a></p>
<p>Procedures for nominating and changing multi-stakeholder group representatives, incl. alternates</p>	<p><i>MSG ToRs, Article 10 &amp; 11</i></p>	<p><i>[Indicate the practice in Part I and in constituency-specific questionnaires.]</i></p>
<p>Decision-making procedures, e.g. rules for voting and quorum</p>	<p><i>MSG Tors, Article 14</i></p>	<p><i>[Have the decision-making procedures been followed in practices? Has the MSG taken any decisions by vote?]</i></p> <p><i>Yes. For further details consult MSG Decisions or Minutes of Meetings.</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/msg-meetings/">https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/msg-meetings/</a></p>
<p>Duration of the MSG's mandate</p>	<p><i>MSG ToRs, Article 11</i></p>	<p><i>[Have provisions regarding the duration of the MSG's mandated been respected in practice?]</i></p> <p><i>Yes,</i></p>

Per diems	<i>Not applicable for Albania</i>	<i>[Were per diems for MSG meetings paid out in the period under review? If yes, what was the per diem per meeting and how much was paid out in total?]</i>
Frequency of meetings	<i>MSG ToRs, Article 13</i>	<p><i>[How often did the MSG meet in the period under review?]</i></p> <p><i>Year 2018, 4 meetings</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/year-2018/">https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/year-2018/</a></p> <p><i>Year 2019, 5 meetings</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/year-2019/">https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/year-2019/</a></p> <p><i>Year 2020, 4 meetings</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/year-2020/">https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/year-2020/</a></p> <p><i>Year 2021, three regular meetings till now and presence of MSG in all workshops for the pre-Validation work.</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/year-2021/">https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/year-2021/</a></p> <p><i>The presence and the work done by the MSG is not limited only to meetings but also drafting/ consulting/ commenting/ approving work documents like ToRs, WorkPlans, APRs, draft reports and final reports by email.</i></p>
Advance notice of meetings and timely circulation of documents	<i>MSG ToRs, Article 13</i>	<p><i>[How much advance notice was given for MSG meetings? How much ahead of meetings were documents circulated?]</i></p> <p><i>Usulluay, one week or more before the MSG meeting take place. For urgent matters less than week but at least 3-4</i></p>

		<p><i>working days.</i></p> <p><i>Example: In 2020 the World Bank Grant was disbursed only in June 2020 and it was expected to close in December 2020. There was so much planned activities to be completed in only 6 months and before the Grant closing date, so the time to consult/ comment and approve the relevant documents was much shorter.</i></p>
Record-keeping	MSG Tors, Article 13	<p>[Were written records kept of MSG discussions in the period under review?]</p> <p>Yes. Please consult:</p> <p><a href="https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/msg-meetings/">https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/msg-meetings/</a></p>
<b>Other aspects covered in the ToR that the MSG wishes to highlight</b>		
As an annex to the MSG ToRs is the Civil Society Code of Conduct	MSG ToRs	<a href="https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/regulation-of-msg/">https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/regulation-of-msg/</a>

## MSG meetings and minutes

**7. Please provide the dates and a link to the published minutes of MSG meetings that have taken place in the period under review or provide any unpublished minutes as an attachment.**

<p><b>Meetings in 2021</b></p> <p>June 17, 2021</p> <p>March 25, 2021</p> <p>February 12, 2021</p> <p><a href="https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/year-2021/">https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/year-2021/</a></p>	<b>13</b>
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### Meetings in 2020

December 17, 2020

July 06, 2020

June 08, 2020

January 24, 2020

<https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/year-2020/>

### Meetings in 2019

2 Dhjetor 2019

31 Tetor 2019

11 Prill 2019

12 Shkurt 2019

11 Janar 2019

<https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/year-2019/>

N.B. Due to technical problems (*the meeting was held online*) one of the minutes of meeting in 2020, dated 17 Dhjetor 2020 is not available.

## MSG approval

### 8. Date of MSG approval of this submission.

23 September 2021

## Part II: Government engagement

*This questionnaire seeks to collect information from government MSG members about the engagement of the government in the EITI process from 2018 to 2021. Government MSG members are requested to fill out the form together and either submit it directly to the Validation team Christoffer Claussen [Cclaussen@eiti.org](mailto:Cclaussen@eiti.org) and Hugo Paret [Hparet@eiti.org](mailto:Hparet@eiti.org) or request the National Coordinator to submit it. Government MSG members may also mandate the National Coordinator to fill out the questionnaire. The deadline for submitting the form to the Validation team is (insert Validation commencement date). It is recommended that government MSG members coordinate to agree one submission. Diverging views within the constituency can be documented in the form. The signatories of the submission should be indicated at the bottom of the form. Stakeholders may contact the Validation team directly to provide additional views.*

**1. Examples of statements or actions in support of the EITI and/or matters in the scope of the EITI Standard by high-level government representatives, such as ministers or the head of state.**

International Conference for integral development on mining industrie with minimal enviroinmental impact, May, 2019

In the speech delivered by the Vice Minister of Infrastructure and Energy Mr. Ilir Bejtja and Mr. Taulant Balla was emphasized the importance of promoting and implementing the Transparency process in Mining activity, as well as the active role of Albania EITI cooperation with Kosovo's state structures, regarding the initiation of Kosovo's membership process in the EITI International Initiative.

<https://www.facebook.com/eitialbania/photos/pcb.2458146724229791/2458144184230045/>

<https://www.facebook.com/eitialbania/photos/pcb.2458146724229791/2458144224230041>

***For other examples and links on this issue please refer to Outcomes and Impact Template, pages 30-44.***

Note: Due to the Albania's earthquakes situation in September and November 2019 and followed by the cov-19 Pandemic situations there is no official follow up with Kosovo about the membership process in the EITI.

Also, due to the above mentioned abnormal situations the official Government activities in general and related to EITI issues has been limited.

**2. Name and position of senior individual leading implementation.**

Mr. Ilir Bejtja, Vice Minister of Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy and Head of MSG

**3. Describe the process for nominating government MSG members, including whether consideration was given to**

Agreed procedure for selecting government MSG members	Practice in the period under review
<p>In order to maintain the diversified opinion and broader representation, every interest group has the right to determine its representatives in MSG for EITI in Albania. The nomination process is independent within each sub-group.</p> <p>1. MSG chairman requests in writing, to each institution, to present its representative on MSG. The representatives of government institutions will be appointed by the heads of their institutions within 15 (fifteen) days of receiving the request. Representation at MSG for this sub-group is not nominal, but it is related to the task that holds a person appointed at the Institution that represents;</p>	<p><i>For the period under review the procedure for appointing government institutions representative was the one indicated on MSG ToRs.</i></p>

**4. If any MSG representatives changed during the MSG's term, please describe the process followed for replacing them.**

Agreed procedure for replacing government MSG members	Practice in the period under review
<p>The members of the government MSG members, whose appointment is subject to the job position in the government, do not maintain a nominal position in MSG, but it is associated with their job position.</p>	<p><i>The practice followed in the period under review is the one described in the MSG ToRs for this constituency. Article 11 – Mandate and replacement of MSG members.</i></p> <p>In September 2021 the MSG Chairman requested Ministry of Finance and Economy to fill the membership on MSG with another member and that Mr. Rudolf Papa was appointed by the Ministry of Finance and</p>



	Economy.
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**5. Government resources directed to EITI implementation in the period under review, such as staff and funding for work plan activities.**

Government resources directed to EITI Implementation as described in each Annual Progress Report in the **Chapter "Total Cost of Impementation"**. (For detailed information APRs for each consecutive year could be consulted)

APR, Year 2019:

<http://www.albeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/ANNUAL-PROGRESS-REPORT-2019-EN-final-1.pdf>

APR, Year 2020:

<https://www.albeiti.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2020-eng-apr.pdf>

**6. Efforts undertaken by the government to ensure an enabling environment for company and CSO participation in the EITI and/or to remove any obstacles to EITI disclosures.**

The creation of a unique National Business Center improve the envoinrment and reduce burocracies and obstacles for the participation of the companies and the CSOs to EITI disclosures.

<https://qkb.gov.al/home/>

One of the most important efforts done from the Albanian Government to improve the environment is the Approval in 2020 of the Law on Beneficial Ownership and the relevant legal framework.

<https://www.parlament.al/Files/ProjektLigje/20200804121847ligj%20nr.%20112,%20dt.%2029.7.2020.pdf>

The creation of the Open Data portal:

<https://www.opendata-albeiti.org/>

<https://miningcadastre.albeiti.org/>

## Liaison with the broader constituency

### 3. Describe the government constituency's structures, policies and practices for coordination on EITI matters.

Please provide supporting evidence. If the evidence is available online, please provide a link. If it is not, please annex the evidence to this questionnaire.

Structures in place for liaison with the broader constituency, such as coordination groups	Policies and agreed procedures for liaison with the broader constituency	Practice in the period under review
<p>Government structures in place are the relevant government institutions, such as MIE, MFE, AKBN, etc.</p>	<p>Policies and agreed procedures for liaison with broader constituencies as determined in the actual legal framework:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Order of PM for the establishment of MSG <a href="https://www.albeiti.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Urdheri-i-Kryeministrit-Nr.-71-date-21.07.2011.pdf">https://www.albeiti.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Urdheri-i-Kryeministrit-Nr.-71-date-21.07.2011.pdf</a></li> <li>DCM for the National secretariat: <a href="http://www.albeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/VKM-nr.-993-date-09.12.15-per-organizimin-dhe-funksionimin-e-Sekretariatit-Kombetar-te-Nismes-per-Transparence-ne-Industrine-Nxjerrere-EITI-Shqiperi.pdf">http://www.albeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/VKM-nr.-993-date-09.12.15-per-organizimin-dhe-funksionimin-e-Sekretariatit-Kombetar-te-Nismes-per-Transparence-ne-Industrine-Nxjerrere-EITI-Shqiperi.pdf</a></li> <li>Mining Law: <a href="http://www.albeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/ligji_minerar_i_konsoliduar_Nr.10304_date_15072010_me_ndryshimet_e_Ligjit_Nr_9_2013_dhe_Ligjit_Nr_134_2014.pdf">http://www.albeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/ligji_minerar_i_konsoliduar_Nr.10304_date_15072010_me_ndryshimet_e_Ligjit_Nr_9_2013_dhe_Ligjit_Nr_134_2014.pdf</a></li> <li>Amended Law on Hydrocarbons: <a href="https://www.albeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Ligj_19-">https://www.albeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Ligj_19-</a></li> </ol>	<p><i>[Please describe how the constituency coordinated on EITI matters in the period under review, including a description of actors engaged.]</i></p> <p><i>EITI matters have been discussed in all MSG meetings, meanwhile for specific issues has been discussed and coordinated with relevant institutions, through meetings or official communications.</i></p>
<p>EITI International Secretariat</p>	<p><a href="https://www.albeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Ligj_19-">https://www.albeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Ligj_19-</a></p>	<p>18</p>

	<a href="#">2015_12.03.2015.pdf</a>	
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**4. Have MSG members sought input from the broader constituency on the following documents. If yes, how and did you receive input?**

- a) The latest EITI work plan, including priorities for EITI implementation
- b) The latest annual review of outcomes and impact

*Yes, through comments, discussions and proposals not only about these 2 documents and other documents or activities.*

In the meetings/workshops organized by Alb-EITI and the Presence of OSCE in Albania with LGU representatives during 2018-2019 has been discussed in detail EITI matters, transparency and good administration of the Royalty revenues for municipalities and communities with EI activity in respective regions. (Here you can find some of the respective links, others can be find in [https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/news/?\\_page=2](https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/news/?_page=2) )

<https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/takim-per-impaktin-e-rentes-mbi-zhvillimin-e-qendrueshem-2/>

<https://www.albeiti.org/site/en/takime-me-perfaqesuesit-e-bashkive-berat-kucove-ura-vajgurore-dhe-skrapar/>

## Use of data

**5. Have government representatives contributed to communicating or using EITI data, including participation in outreach activities?**

If yes, please provide examples with links to any supporting evidence, such as reports, speeches or news articles.

Several meetings and workshops about royalty and EI impact in local communities were organized in the period under review, with the active presence of the government representatives in MSG and beyond MSG. *(evidence can be found in the List of Activities)*

For other examples and links on this issue please refer to Outcomes and Impact Template, pages 30-44.

Note: Due to the Albania's earthquakes situation in September and November 2019 and followed by the COVID-19 pandemic situations all the Government representatives activities in general and

related to EITI issues has been limited.

## Sign-off

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Tetis Lubonja	<a href="mailto:tetis.lubonja@drejtesia.gov.a">tetis.lubonja@drejtesia.gov.a</a>	24. 09. 2021 <i>(approval by alternate member)</i>	
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## Part III: Industry engagement

*This questionnaire seeks to collect information from industry MSG members about the engagement of oil, gas and mining companies in the EITI process from 2018 to 2021 insert period under review]. Industry MSG members are requested to fill out the form together and either submit it directly to the Validation team Christoffer Claussen [Cclaussen@eiti.org](mailto:Cclaussen@eiti.org) and Hugo Paret [Hparet@eiti.org](mailto:Hparet@eiti.org) or request the National Coordinator to submit it. The deadline for submitting the form to the Validation team is (insert Validation commencement date). It is recommended that industry MSG members coordinate to agree one submission. Diverging views within the constituency can be documented in the form. The signatories of the submission should be indicated at the bottom of the form. Stakeholders may contact the Validation team directly to provide additional views.*

### MSG nominations

#### 1. Describe the process for nominating industry MSG members, including whether consideration was given to ensuring the diversity of representation.

Please provide supporting documentation related to the latest nomination process. This could include the invitation to participate in the MSG, a list of interested organisations or individuals, constituency ToRs, minutes of the election process, etc. If the evidence is available online, please provide a link. If it is not, please annex the evidence to this questionnaire.

Agreed procedure for selecting industry MSG members	Practice in the period under review
<p>The process of selecting MSG members in terms of foreign companies has been carried out through the FIAA according to the criteria set out in the order for the operation of the MSG and the recommendations left in the previous validation process.</p> <p>The companies representing FIAA in MSG are: Shell Upstream Albania, Antea Cement (Titan group), Devoll Hydropower Sh.a (Statkraft) and FIAA.</p>	<p><a href="http://fiaalbania.al/fiaa-is-part-of-the-multi-stakeholders-group-at-eiti-secretariat-albania-2/">http://fiaalbania.al/fiaa-is-part-of-the-multi-stakeholders-group-at-eiti-secretariat-albania-2/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.albeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/MoU-EITI-Albania-FIAA-2.pdf">http://www.albeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/MoU-EITI-Albania-FIAA-2.pdf</a></p>

In this way a combination of representation from both the hydrocarbon industry and the mining industry has been made.

As part of the business constituency is also the SOE Albpetrol sh.a. as it is an important part of the EITI reporting and transparency process in Albania.

According to the MSG ToRs, the business representatives will serve for a period of 3 years, so the full mandate of them will be 3 years, their replacement will be in a gradual order to ensure that among them will have institutional memory. If the representatives have had a good performance during their three-year mandate they can be re-appointed by their group representatives. Some of the business representatives had also an excellent performance during years so they were reappointed from FIIA during the years

**2. If any MSG representatives changed during the MSG's term, please describe the process followed for replacing them.**

Agreed procedure for replacing industry MSG members	Practice in the period under review
<p>EITI Albania has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with FIAA which is the only formal industry body that will undertake the process of election for companies representatives in the EITI Albania MSG.</p> <p>Agreed procedures for replacing Industry MSG members are explained:</p> <p><a href="http://fiaalbania.al/fiaa-is-part-of-the-multi-stakeholders-group-at-eiti-secretariat-albania-2/">http://fiaalbania.al/fiaa-is-part-of-the-multi-stakeholders-group-at-eiti-secretariat-albania-2/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.albeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/MoU-EITI-Albania-FIAA-2.pdf">http://www.albeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/MoU-EITI-Albania-FIAA-2.pdf</a></p>	<p>Practice in the period under review is explained here:</p> <p><a href="http://fiaalbania.al/fiaa-is-part-of-the-multi-stakeholders-group-at-eiti-secretariat-albania-2/">http://fiaalbania.al/fiaa-is-part-of-the-multi-stakeholders-group-at-eiti-secretariat-albania-2/</a></p> <p><i>FIAA member companies representing MSG have appointed special persons (managers) with the necessary experience, knowledge and capacity to represent their companies in the MSG of EITI. Usually these representatives report to administrator of the respective companies.</i></p>

## Liaison with the broader constituency

### 3. Describe the company constituency's structures, policies and practices for coordination on EITI matters.

Please provide supporting evidence, such as constituency ToRs, dates and minutes of constituency meetings, number of emails to mailing lists, etc. If the evidence is available online, please provide a link. If it is not, please annex the evidence to this questionnaire.

Structures in place for liaison with the broader constituency, such as	Policies and agreed procedures for	Practice in the period under review.
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industry associations	liaison with the broader constituency	<i>For examples and links on this issue please refer to Outcomes and Impact Template, pages 30-44.</i>
As mentioned above EITI Albania has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with FIIA.	<a href="http://www.albeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/MoU-EITI-Albania-FIIA-2.pdf">http://www.albeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/MoU-EITI-Albania-FIIA-2.pdf</a>	<i>[Please describe how the constituency coordinated on EITI matters in the period under review, including a description of actors engaged.]</i>

**4. Have MSG members sought input from the broader constituency on the following documents. If yes, how and did you receive input?**

- a) The latest EITI work plan, including priorities for EITI implementation
- b) The latest annual review of outcomes and impact

***Yes, through comments in the MSG meetings, discussions and proposals in place and by email not only about these 2 documents and other documents or activities.***

## Use of data

**5. Have company representatives contributed to communicating or using EITI data, including participation in outreach activities?**

If yes, please provide examples with links to any supporting evidence, such as reports, blogs or news articles.

MSG members from the business group have been active in the implementation of EITI standards, both in regular MSG meetings and in activities carried out by the EITI Albania in the field in central or local institutions. They have also participated in visits or workshops held in the premises of various companies operating in Albania.

They have also been very active in promoting EITI by conducting various publications, interviews, etc. where the benefits of transparency in the extractive industry have been emphasized as well as the various issues that are present in our country.

Examples of Business representatives engagement:

*Mr. Përparim Alikaj, MSG member, was part of the multi stakeholder groups for discussion and approval of the Royalty Legal framework and amendment of the Mining Law. (evidence can be provided by Mr. Alikaj)*

For other examples and links on this issue please refer to Outcomes and Impact Template, pages 30-44.

Note: Due to the Albania`s earthquakes situation in September and November 2019 and followed by the cov-19 Pandemic situations all the business representatives activities in general and related to EITI issues has been limited.

## Obstacles to participation

**6. If company representatives have experienced any obstacles to participation in the EITI, please describe and specify these obstacles below or convey your concerns directly to the Validation team Christoffer Claussen ([Cclaussen@eiti.org](mailto:Cclaussen@eiti.org)) and Hugo Paret ([Hparet@eiti.org](mailto:Hparet@eiti.org)) by the commencement of the Validation. Please provide supporting evidence if available. Requests for confidentiality will be respected.**

The November 2019 earthquake and the ensuing global pandemic Covid 19 has certainly made the situation more difficult not only for companies operating in the extractive industry sector in Albania but throughout the world.

Undoubtedly, this situation has created difficulties both for the companies which represent the business members in MSG but also for their maximum commitment in EITI issues. MSG meetings for a year and a half take place online and it has been almost impossible to conduct various activities related to EITI issues due to restrictions imposed due to the pandemic.

## Sign-off

**7. Please include below the names and contact details of the MSG members from the industry constituency who sign off on submitting the above information to the Validation team. Add rows as needed.**

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## Part IV: Civil society engagement

### Part IV: Civil society engagement

*This questionnaire seeks to collect information from civil society MSG members about the engagement of civil society in the EITI process from June 2019 to October 2021 [insert period under review]. Civil society MSG members are requested to fill out the form together and either submit it directly to the Validation team Christoffer Claussen ([Cclaussen@eiti.org](mailto:Cclaussen@eiti.org)) and Hugo Paret ([Hparet@eiti.org](mailto:Hparet@eiti.org)) or request the National Coordinator to submit it. The deadline for submitting the form to the Validation team is (insert Validation commencement date). It is recommended that civil society MSG members coordinate to agree one submission. Diverging views within the constituency can be documented in the form. The signatories of the submission should be indicated at the bottom of the form. Stakeholders may contact the Validation team directly to provide additional views.*

### MSG nominations

#### 1. Describe the process for nominating civil society MSG members, including whether consideration was given to ensuring the diversity of representation.

Please provide supporting documentation related to the latest nomination process. This could include the invitation to participate in the MSG, a list of interested organisations or individuals, constituency ToRs, minutes of the election process, etc. If the evidence is available online, please provide a link. If it is not, please annex the evidence to this questionnaire.

Agreed procedure for replacing civil society MSG members	Practice in the period under review
<p>In order to improve the efficiency of the entire civil society's participation in the process, establishing parameters for CSO MSG representatives to work cohesively together and with their wider constituency the code of ethics or conduct was designed and approved.</p> <p><a href="http://albneteiti.org/?page_id=612">http://albneteiti.org/?page_id=612</a></p>	<p>Whenever is the case to present EITI, either workshops, or round tables, or participations in meetings with different kind of representatives, the Code of Conduct (either in general or in detail) is introduced in order to explain what is the position of CSO-s involved in the EITI process, its group principles, rights, duties and obligations.</p> <p>All members elected for MSG must sign the Code of Conduct.</p> <p>The Code of Conduct is primary approved by constituency in 2015. It covers mostly all the issues needed to be taken in consideration</p>
EITI International Secretariat	therefore there were no changes made during 28

	reporting period.. <a href="http://albneteiti.org/?p=483">http://albneteiti.org/?p=483</a>
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**2. If any MSG representatives changed during the MSG's term, please describe the process followed for replacing them.**

Agreed procedure for replacing civil society MSG members	Practice in the period under review
In any case the same procedures Approved in the code of conduct should be applied.	Elections for new members of MSG was held on February 12, 2019, due to the end of the mandate. Two members were reelected and three new members of other CSO-s joined the group through free elections following procedures approved in the code of conduct. <a href="http://albneteiti.org/?paged=3&amp;page_id=800">http://albneteiti.org/?paged=3&amp;page_id=800</a>

### Liaison with the broader constituency

**3. Describe the civil society constituency's structures, policies and practices for coordination on EITI matters.**

Please provide supporting evidence, such as constituency ToRs, dates and minutes of constituency meetings, number of emails to mailing lists, etc. If the evidence is available online, please provide a link. If it is not, please annex the evidence to this questionnaire.

Structures in place for liaison with the broader constituency, such as networks	Policies and agreed procedures for liaison with the broader constituency	Practice in the period under review
<p><b>Article 15 Code of Conduct</b></p> <p>The Spokesperson has the obligation to pass on the information to the civil society organizations, including sharing work documents by email or any other method deemed efficient.</p>	<p><b>Code of conduct</b></p> <p><b>See chapter IV, Communication</b></p> <p><a href="http://albneteiti.org/?page_id=612">http://albneteiti.org/?page_id=612</a></p>	<p>Expanded Coalition, reaching areas where natural resources are extracted, with actors who are committed to work in the field of transparency of extractive industry</p> <p>Strengthened contribution of the Coalition members in the MSG.</p> <p>See: Progress Report SECO,</p>

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**4. Have MSG members sought input from the broader constituency on the following documents. If yes, how and did you receive input?**

- a) The latest EITI work plan, including priorities for EITI implementation
- b) The latest annual review of outcomes and impact

**In the face to face contacts with constituency during workshops, priorities were identified and included in the EITI work plan. CSO group proposals**

Albnet-EITI, workshop in Skrapar: The royalty to be determined based on the amount of product extracted not from the sales

Workshop in Pogradec: EITI, an instrument for citizens to benefit from extractive resources

AlbNet-EITI, workshop in Fier: Transparency by local government on the use of the royalty

Peshkopi workshop: The complete lack of benefits from the extraction of natural resources

Bulqiza workshop: The royalty of the extracted mineral of Bulqiza goes to the other municipalities

Workshop in Kucovë: New contracts to be primary consulted with the community

Workshop at Ura Vaigurore: The transparency of companies operating in the municipality must be increased

Workshop in Has: Environmental damages are not compensated by environmental fee.

[http://albneteiti.org/?page\\_id=800](http://albneteiti.org/?page_id=800)

Following the Covid 19 restrictions, contacts via tel or video calls have been made to provide to or collect information from representatives of AlbNet Eiti coalition referring issues important for discussions such as situation of communities and covid effects, implementation of new rules of fiscal regimed, royalty or environment.

## Use of data

**5. Have civil society representatives contributed to communicating or using EITI data, including participation in outreach activities or use of EITI data in advocacy and campaigns?**

If yes, please provide examples with links to any supporting evidence, such as reports, blogs or news articles.

Thanks to the contribution of CSO representatives in MSG or other CSO colleagues, 12 TV interviews or talkshows and 19 revealing or investigative articles) were published during 2019-

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2020-2021. (few titles following, more on the links below).

-“The fiscal change of royalty brings loss of public money, therefore the loss for the community and the population in general.”

-“Like the royalty, concession fee too should go to municipalities for the welfare of communities”

-“Royalty is not reallocated 100% due to long procedures which is a financial loss for the municipalities.”

-“How limestone extract is continuing to destroy the environment in Dimal”,

-“Albpetrol, the turbulent history of an oil company”,

-“Extractive industry Beneficial Ownership – 2 drafts under discussion, to be approved as soon as possible”

and many more see: AlbNet-EITI/media

[http://albneteiti.org/?page\\_id=650](http://albneteiti.org/?page_id=650) online Media, TV and newspapers

[http://albneteiti.org/?page\\_id=800](http://albneteiti.org/?page_id=800)

## Obstacles to participation

**6. If civil society representatives have experienced any obstacles to participation in the EITI, including the use of publicly available extractive sector data, please describe and specify these obstacles below or convey your concerns directly to the Validation team ([Cclaussen@eiti.org](mailto:Cclaussen@eiti.org)) and Hugo Paret ([Hparet@eiti.org](mailto:Hparet@eiti.org)) by the commencement of the Validation.**

The [EITI’s civil society protocol](#) requires that the government ensures an enabling environment for civil society engagement in the EITI. Any concerns related to potential breaches of the protocol should be accompanied with a description of the related incident, including its timing, actors involved and the link to the EITI process. If available, supporting documentation should be provided. . Requests for confidentiality will be respected.

For purposes of Validation, ‘civil society representatives’ refer to civil society representatives who are substantively involved in the EITI process, including but not limited to members of the multi-stakeholder group. The ‘EITI process’ refers to activities related to preparing for EITI sign-up; MSG meetings; CSO constituency side-meetings on EITI, including interactions with MSG representatives; producing EITI Reports; producing materials or conducting analysis on EITI Reports; expressing views related to EITI activities; and expressing views related to natural resource governance.

Provision of the EITI civil society protocol	Potential breach identified in the period under review and accompanying evidence
2.1 Expression: Civil society representatives are able to engage in public debate related to the EITI process and express opinions about the EITI	There were no breach identified during 2019 - 2021.

process without restraint, coercion or reprisal.	
2.2 Operation: Civil society representatives are able to operate freely in relation to the EITI process.	Yes Civil society representatives have worked freely and without any obstacle in relation to EITI process.
2.3 Association: Civil society representatives are able to communicate and cooperate with each other regarding the EITI process.	Yes, it is a very good cooperation and some new organisations joined AlbNet-EITI coalition.
2.4 Engagement: Civil society representatives are able to be fully, actively and effectively engaged in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the EITI process.	Yes, all MSG members have been active in all the issues related to EITI such as royalty, BO, environment, contract transparency, social issues, reporting etc.
2.5 Access to public decision-making: Civil society representatives are able to speak freely on transparency and natural resource governance issues, and ensure that the EITI contributes to public debate.	During the meetings with authorities, cso-s and communities the representatives of MSG CSO group discussed about the problems of extractive industry, promoted EITI and distributed, EITI Reports, leaflets and other publications also introduced all links of websites such as EITI, AlbEITI, AlbNet-EITI and other organisations as well as Facebook or Instagram pages.

## Sign-off

**7. Please include below the names and contact details of the MSG members from the civil society constituency who sign off on submitting the above information to the Validation team. Add rows as needed.**

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## For Validation team's use: Guiding questions for consultations on stakeholder engagement

- What are the key strengths of the constituency's engagement in the EITI?

### **Commitment, experience, independence, neutrality.**

- Obstacles or barriers to participation in the EITI, including related to any of the provisions of the civil society protocol?

### **No obstacles**

- Did actors from other constituencies attempt to influence the MSG nomination process or constituency coordination?

### **NO**

- What are the constituency's (or organisation's) priorities for EITI?

### **Royalty Issues**

#### **Contract transparency**

#### **Beneficiary Ownership**

- To what extent are the constituency's or organisation's priorities reflected in EITI implementation?

### **Constant approach to issues related with reporting and engagement of the government in the different issues.**

- Are other constituencies fully, actively and effectively engaged in EITI implementation?

### **Yes**

- Any other remarks, including commentary on the MSG's functioning.
- For stakeholders not on the MSG: Commentary on opportunities to provide input to the MSG's work or agenda. Commentary on the representativeness of constituency MSG members, possible conflicts of interest and the openness of the MSG nomination process.
- Context-specific questions arising from the written input to clarify or seek further information.

## For Validation team's use: Template for "Call for views on stakeholder engagement"

### Call for views on progress in EITI implementation in Albania

[Summary of status of implementation, including the commencement date of Validation and the outcome of the previous Validation,]

The EITI International Secretariat is seeking stakeholder views on [Country's] progress in implementing the EITI Standard between June 2019- September 2021. Stakeholders are requested to send views to Christoffer Claussen [Cclaussen@eiti.org](mailto:Cclaussen@eiti.org) and Hugo Paret [Hparet@eiti.org](mailto:Hparet@eiti.org) by 1 October 2021.

The EITI Standard requires that the government, extractive companies and civil society are fully, actively and effectively engaged in EITI implementation. The Secretariat is seeking views on the following questions:

1. Are the government, extractive companies and civil society fully, actively and effectively engaged in EITI implementation?
2. Are there any obstacles or barriers to the participation of any of these constituencies or their sub-groups in EITI implementation?

Civil society engagement in the EITI will be assessed in accordance with EITI Protocol: Participation of civil society. Stakeholders are requested to provide input on [Country's] adherence with the protocol.

Any concerns related to potential breaches of the protocol should be accompanied with a description of the related incident, including its timing, actors involved and the link to the EITI process. If available, supporting documentation should be provided. Stakeholders may also indicate which provision of the civil society protocol they consider the breach(es) to relate to. Responses will be anonymised and be kept confidential.

The Secretariat is seeking views on the following questions related to civil society engagement:

3. Are civil society organisations able to engage in public debate related to the EITI process and express opinions about the EITI process without restraint, coercion or reprisal?
4. Are civil society representatives able to operate freely in relation to the EITI process?
5. Are civil society representatives able to communicate and cooperate with each other regarding the EITI process?
6. Are civil society representatives able to be fully, actively and effectively engaged in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the EITI process?
7. Are civil society representatives able to speak freely on transparency and natural resource governance issues, and ensure that the EITI contributes to public debate?

For purposes of the protocol, 'civil society representatives' refer to civil society representatives who are substantively involved in the EITI process, including but not limited to members of the multi-stakeholder group. The 'EITI process' refers to activities related to preparing for EITI sign-up; MSG meetings; CSO constituency side-meetings on EITI, including interactions with MSG representatives; producing EITI Reports; producing materials or conducting analysis on EITI Reports; expressing views related to EITI activities; and expressing views related to natural resource governance.

