EITI Open data policy

According to EITI Requirement 7.1, the multi-stakeholder group is required to:

- b) Agree on clear policy on the access, release and re-use of EITI data;
- c) Make the EITI Report available in an open data format (xlsx or csv) online and publicize its availability;

According to EITI Requirement 7.2, the MSG is encouraged to make EITI reports machine readable, and to code or tag EITI Reports and data files so that the information can be compared with other publicly available data by adopting Board-approved EITI data standards. In addition, according to Requirement 7.2 (c), the MSG is encouraged, where legally and technically feasible, to consider automated online disclosure of extractive revenues and payments by governments and companies on a continuous basis.

According to the aforementioned Requirements, the following is proposed:

- Key data of EITI Report have to be converted to xlsx format and published on the website of UA EITI eiti.org.ua;
- The aforementioned data will be published on the web site right after publishing of Report and will be updated yearly based on publishing new EITI Reports. The broader public will be informed about publishing of data by disseminating of respective notification (news) via social media (UA EITI facebook page, twitter), UAEITI website, website of the ministry of Energy, etc.
- The aforementioned data can be used with reference to the source. In this regard, "use" of data means use for analysis, elaboration and distribution of new works based on data;
- Progress on open data related work will be monitored and evaluated in in the upcoming Annual Progress Report.

It is worth noting that work on automatized data collection, their disclosure for free online access will be a priority for UA EITI. Currently negotiations with donors include allocation of funding for creating a platform that would allow online reporting and online access to EITI data received from all reporting entities (both, companies' and government side). It is planned that the platform potentially can be integrated into government e-system.

Currently the country has started a trend towards online data disclosure and improving data access. In this respect, some projects are foreseen to improve e-governance. E.g., recently announced 5-years long project of Ministry of Economic Development and Trade and range of international organizations "Transparency and accountability in state administration and services" aimed at speeding up the reform process in electronic procurements, open data and e-services. Thus it is important to ensure that EITI data disclosure is in line with other projects that will allow integration of e- systems into general policy of the country.

Despite of progress on data disclosure, as e.g. availability of open online register of licenses for subsoil use, maps http://geoinf.kiev.ua/wp/interaktyvni-karty-spetsdozvoliv.htm, open online Unified State register of legal entities and private entrepreneurs that provides information about final beneficial owners https://usr.minjust.gov.ua/ua/freesearch, a lot of efforts should be undertaken to ensure data disclosure in the country and making them easy accessible for broader public.