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in the UK

UK EITI 2023 Workplan



No.	Activities	Timeline	Expected Output	Expected Outcome	RAG rating	Progress update
1. Uphold the principles set out in the 2019 EITI Standard and implement them in a way suitable for the UK context.						
1.01	Ensure the smooth transition of the UK EITI Secretariat function to the joint Department for Energy Security and Net Zero/FCDO International Energy Unit (IEU)	Apr-23	The UK Secretariat function initially moved on 30th January to the joint BEIS/FCDO International Energy Unit (IEU). On 7th February the IEU became part of the new Department for Energy Security And Net Zero.	Continuity of the UK Secretariat function, allowing the UK EITI MSG to continue their work seamlessly.		The UK Secretariat will be moving from its current home in Business Frameworks in BEIS to the International Energy Unit (a joint ESNZ/FCDO function). National Coordinator has already been appointed and just awaiting a new MSG Chair to be appointed. One admin role will move with the transfer and the current incumbent will stay in post for at least three months and possibly beyond.
1.02	Continue to address corrective action from 2nd validation and consider if/how take forward encouragements	Dec-23	Ensure that the corrective action is considered and progress is well documented. MSG to look at the new encouragements and decide whether to address and what actions are required. Consider whether the Compliance subgroup should take forward or new working group.	Satisfactory progress in the UK's revalidation in 2024.		Next meeting to discuss contract and licence transparency planned for 2nd February 2023.
1.03	Complete annual review of outcomes and impact of EITI implementation.	Dec-23	Written assessment of the impact of EITI implementation in 2023, the lessons learned from the past year and the extent to which EITI has met its objectives.	MSG, its constituencies and the wider public are more aware of the impact of EITI implementation in the UK. MSG can make informed decisions to increase the impact of EITI in the UK and ensure that EITI implementation is beneficial to the UK.		
1.04	Hold UK MSG every two months, with good representation from all constituencies.	Dec-23	MSG meetings every 2 months with well-considered agendas and papers to ensure speedy and effective implementation of EITI.	Increased dialogue between government, industry and civil society and momentum maintained for UK EITI implementation.		UK EITI MSG meetings planned for 26th April, 28th June, 13th September and 22nd November.
1.05	MSG to contribute comments and provide input into the update of the 2023 EITI Standard	Mar-23	MSG members to provide feedback and comments to the EITI International Secretariat on the refinements, updates and new requirements of the 2023 EITI Standard throughout its process.	The MSG has ensured that they have provided feedback to reflect the requirements, objectives and priorities of UK EITI.		
1.06	MSG to consider implications and expectations of implementation of the 2023 EITI Standard and impact on future workstreams.	Dec-23	MSG to look at the changes to the EITI Standard, including any refinements to existing requirements or implications of any new requirements. Consider arranging a separate meeting to look at and discuss the new EITI Standard when it is published in June 2023.	MSG are able to agree to plan of action to implement the new EITI Standard that will satisfy the UK MSG, International Secretariat and any future validation.		
1.07	MSG to monitor diversity of MSG representatives, including gender.	Ongoing	MSG to ensure that diversity issues, including gender parity, are taken into account in their nominations process in different constituencies, as set out in the Terms of Reference.	Greater gender diversity in the MSG and greater awareness in the MSG and wider sector of the need for gender parity.		
2. Promote transparent and accessible disclosure systems and good governance in the extractives sector. Enhance accountability on revenues from the UK's extractives industries.						
2.01	Ensure that the EITI website continues to present information on the extractive industries in a transparent and accessible way.	Ongoing	Review of website content every six months by Sectoral Subgroup to ensure that interactive, visually appealing content about the UK extractive industries is available online and in a timely manner.	Increased understanding of the extractive industries in the UK, greater public debate and increased interest in UK EITI.		Latest updates to tables and figures completed in February 2023.
2.02	Ensure that 2022 payments are published in timely fashion and in an accessible format.	Jul-23	Payments data covering 2022 is published no later than July 2023 and earlier if possible, in the format of the reconciliation data under the Payments Data section of the UK EITI website.	Enhanced accountability to the UK public on the revenues from the UK's extractives industries.		The timetable, guidance and templates for the 2022 reconciliation process to be discussed and agreed by the reconciliation subgroup at their meeting on 1st February 2023.
2.03	Review and agree the scope and methodology for the 2022 payments data/reconciliation process.	Mar-23	Meeting of reconciliation subgroup to discuss updates for guidance and templates, following MSG decisions on mainstreaming and scope for 2021 data.	An agreed methodology and approach for UK EITI reporting. Any proposals to exclude certain revenue streams are agreed by the MSG.		The timetable, guidance and templates for the 2022 reconciliation process to be discussed and agreed by the reconciliation subgroup at their meeting on 1st February 2023. Further meeting planned for 22nd February.

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2.04	Independent administrator to continue to collect information from government and companies for reconciliation.	Jun-23	Complete reconciliation of payments for companies making payments over materiality threshold of £86,000, unless MSG agree alternative approach to reconciliation process. Independent Administrator presents data in an accessible manner in 2022 report and on UK EITI website.	Independent third party reconciliation will add weight to the tax payment figures put into the public domain.		
2.05	MSG continue to work with government bodies and agencies to ensure that all requirements on licence and contract transparency continue to be met.	Dec-23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure that a clear explanation on government policy for the disclosure of contracts and licences by different government bodies and agencies on the EITI website is kept up to date. - Summary of MSG's plan for ensuring compliance with the requirement on the website continues to be up to date. - Full text of contracts and licences in scope of EITI reporting disclosed by the relevant government body or agency. All relevant information on in-scope licences and contracts disclosed, in line with EITI Standard. 	Greater clarity on government policy and MSG's action plan on licence disclosure. All new or amended contracts from 1st January 2021 are disclosed in a way the MSG deems consistent with the requirements of the 2019 EITI Standard. Greater contract transparency in the UK extractive sector.		Next meeting to discuss contract and licence transparency planned for 2nd February 2023.
2.06	MSG to consider if the UK can meet requirement 2.4 of the EITI Standard on licence and contract transparency to disclose all contracts entered into, signed or amended from 1 January 2021.	Dec-23	MSG to consider barriers to implementing requirement 2.4, including legal issues and public demand. Is the work required to meet the requirement proportionate to public interest and demand.	MSG to agree a UK position regarding requirement 2.4.		Next meeting to discuss contract and licence transparency planned for 2nd February 2023.
2.07	MSG to look at ways of capturing Beneficial Ownership data from non-material oil and gas companies and NSTA licensee's who will not be captured due to unilateral disclosure of NSTA data.	Dec-23	Consider setting up a separate working/subgroup from all three constituencies to look at the options. MSG may also want to consider whether the current MSG threshold of 25% needs to be lowered as some owners getting around this requirement by lowering their share-holding or voting rights.	Decision on how to capture BO information in future years.		Reconciliation subgroup have discussed options for collecting this data, including uploading a separate form on the UK EITI and NSTA websites. To be agreed by subgroup,
2.08	MSG to consider the role of EITI in the energy transition and to consider if any further environmental payments could be disclosed, building on existing environmental payment data.	Dec-23	Robust MSG discussion on the energy transition. Energy transition page on UK EITI website is maintained, with links to relevant external resources. Possible inclusion of additional payments stream in reconciliation process or additional information on sectoral pages of website.	UK EITI contributes to public debate on the energy transition.		
3. Increase public understanding of the social and economic impacts of the UK's extractive industries and enrich public debate on the governance and stewardship of the UK's oil, gas and mineral resources.						
3.01	Undertaken outreach activities to spread awareness and facilitate dialogue about EITI and the UK extractive industries.	Ongoing	Communications and Engagement Subgroup to consider outreach opportunities and make recommendations for MSG to take forward, including organising one-off events, participation at key industry and international EITI events, articles in trade publications, quarterly newsletters and better use of social media. Subgroup and MSG agree an updated Comms strategy.	Greater awareness and understanding of EITI and its importance to the transparency agenda. Increased industry and public awareness of the work of the UK EITI MSG.		
3.02	Ensure EITI website is regularly updated and continues to present information in an interactive and accessible way.	Ongoing	Reviews of current website every six months, resulting in an accessible and up-to-date UK EITI website with interactive data on the extractive industries and links to other relevant data sources. Website includes up-to-date information about EITI and the work of the MSG with relevant sections covering both industry and civil society.	The UK EITI website is used by the industry and the public to source data for the extractive industries in the UK, thus enriching public debate. The website aids systematic disclosure/mainstreaming, with links to relevant data sources and further information on the sector.		
3.03	MSG members to promote and stimulate interest in EITI within their industry. Use MSG member networks to promote EITI report.	Ongoing	MSG members to use/reference EITI in their own publications/websites, events and consultation responses. Dissemination of the report to a wider audience via events, websites and social media.	Increased understanding of EITI within industry and its importance to the transparency agenda. Report is used as a tool to improve debate on extractive industry issues.		

3.04	Ensure that the EITI Champion supports efforts on EITI implementation and is kept up-to-date on progress.	Ongoing	Submissions to EITI Champion informing them of progress. EITI Champion involvement in outreach activities.	Greater awareness of EITI and continued Government support for EITI implementation.		
4. Contribute to international efforts to further transparent and accessible disclosure systems, common global reporting standards and good governance in the extractives sector.						
4.01	Participate in EITI collaboration with other implementing countries to share experiences of EITI implementation.	Ongoing	Share EITI experience with other countries via webinars and participation in conferences organised by EITI International Secretariat. Take part in the regular European national secretariat meetings arranged by EITI International. Help build expertise in other countries by sharing UK EITI papers/documents such as the workplan and annual review and by highlighting the UK EITI website.	Other implementing countries or countries considering implementation learn from UK experience. The UK learns from other implementing countries to ensure more effective implementation in the UK. Greater connections between UK EITI and other implementing countries to enable better knowledge sharing and more effective implementation. UK more aware of latest developments in EITI Standard and examples of best practice.		
4.02	Participate in regular calls with the EITI International Secretariat to share experiences of UK implementation in order to inform the development of the EITI Standard.	Ongoing	Share UK experience with International Secretariat, clearly communicating UK priorities for the development of the Standard.	Development of Standard informed by UK implementation experience and expertise.		3

RAG rating code	
	Complete
	On track for delivery by agreed timeline
	Medium risk not on track for delivery by agreed timeline
	High risk not on track for deliver by agreed timeline