

Note: All questions and answers will be made public. All questions related to the project, its timeline, and deliverables should be submitted to skasimova@eiti.org by no later than Wednesday 1 June 2022.

Responses to questions raised to the following request for proposals
[Mitigation of Economic Risks Related to Energy Transition in Ukraine](#)

Q1. Is this project really a priority for the Ukraine EITI MSG? It does not seem to be included in their 2022 workplan and that the MSG is also seeking an IA.

A1. The study is included in the 2022 work plan, approved by the MSG in February 2022. See under activity 1.3 <https://eiti.org.ua/documents/robochyy-plan-ipvh-2022/>. The ToRs were developed in consultation with the MSG members and the tender was launched after consulting the MSG.

Q2. Is there any consideration being given to suspending Ukraine or granting it an exemption/extra time due to the conflict as has happened to other countries facing challenging political circumstances?

A2. There is no consideration to suspend Ukraine. There is an elected democratic government in place and the Ministry of Energy confirmed its commitment to the EITI implementation. The MSG remains functional and meets online.

Q3. On a more practical level, is the timetable for this project feasible? The TOR calls for the bulk of stakeholder consultation to occur in June. Given that the deadline for bid submission is 8 June and taking into account time for selection and contracting, any consultation is unlikely to start until July. Also, are stakeholders going to be willing to engage on this subject given the conflict. Any consultation is likely to take longer than usual.

A3. The MSG members and relevant stakeholders were consulted prior to the tender and expressed readiness to hold consultations during the suggested timeline (June-July). Most of the relevant stakeholders are safety with stable internet connection. International Secretariat will support the winning bidder in getting engaged with the stakeholders.

Q4. The TOR calls for use of existing data sets. Our understanding from discussions with a colleague in the country is that the Ukraine government currently blocks access to relevant data and has closed all open data websites (see attached screenshots). So, has the International Secretariat or Ukraine EITI gained access to such information or obtained assurances from the Ukraine government that relevant data will made available?

A4. The project aims to use the data from Ukraine EITI reporting, such as transportation revenues (Requirement 4.4), production (Requirement 3.2), and export data (Requirement 3.3) as well as any other EITI data sets deemed necessary for the study. The EITI reports are available both on the EITI international website and nation website. If necessarily, the consultant can freely download data sets from EITI Open Data page. The main legal document that needs amendments is the Association Agreement available [online](#). Ukrainians legislation adopted by the Parliament is on the Parliament's website.

Q5. The TOR also calls for the inclusion of data on the damage caused by the ongoing military conflict. Specific detail of infrastructure damage is highly sensitive information and access is currently restricted for military intelligence purposes as it could be useful to Ukraine's enemies. It there any assurance that this information would be available to the project team?

A5. The study does not require to use information that is not publicly available. Media review and stakeholder consultations would help map out certain patterns and draw necessarily conclusions.

Q6. Information on Ukraine's energy security, energy transition options and resilience is highly sensitive information. So, does EITI intend to publish the final report and what factors will determine the timing of any future publication?

A6. As the study is requested by the MSG, the Secretariat will seek their views regarding publication. Originally, the study was intended to be public.

Q7. What steps has the International Secretariat take to ensure that this project is aligned with the government's current priorities and energy transition strategy?

A7. The study is listed in Ukraine's EITI 2022 work plan and requested by the national MSG. The MSG is usually composed of representatives from government, companies and civil society.