



MEETING MINUTES

# *TAKIMI I MSG-së EITI EITI SHQIPËRI*

25 MARS 2021

11:00 AM

NË PLATFORMËN ZOOM

## ATTENDANCE LIST

---

**Mr. Ilir Bejtja** Head of MSG Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy and Industry

**Mr. Genci Tërpo** ALBEITI National Secretariat

**Mrs. Mimoza Sallaku** General Directorate of Taxes

**Mr. Bilal Koçi** Geological Albanian Service

**Mr. Sami Neza** Center for Transparency and Free Information

**Mrs. Anila Hajnaj** Albanian Center for Development and Integration

**Mrs. Ola Mitre** Women for the Protection of Natural Resources

**Mr. Lorenc Gordani** Albanian Center for International Law

**Mr. Kushtrim Simoni** Media Policy Research Center

**Mr. Përparim Alikaj** Foreign Investors Association of Albania FIAA

**Dritan Dervishaj** Antea Cement

**Mrs. Entela Muha** Ministry of Justice)

**Mr. Gledis Kalemi** Albanian Energy Regulator Authority (ERE)

**Mr. Mark Burnett** EITI International Secretariat

**Mrs. Olesia Tolochko** EITI International Secretariat

**Mr. Hugo Paret** EITI International Secretariat

**Mr. Ardit Kamberi** ALBEITI National Secretariat

**Mr. Lluka Gjergo** ALBEITI National Secretariat

**Mrs. Emiliana Kola** ALBEITI National Secretariat

# FOTO NGA TAKIMI I MSG-së

---

The image is a screenshot of a Zoom meeting. The main window displays a PowerPoint presentation slide with a dark blue background and white text. The slide title is "Albania EITI Validation" in a large, bold font. Below the title, it says "Assessing progress in meeting the EITI Standard" and "March 25, 2021". The EITI logo is visible in the bottom left corner of the slide, and the tagline "The global standard for the good governance of oil, gas and mineral resources." is in the bottom right. The PowerPoint interface shows a slide navigation pane on the left with 8 slides. The Zoom interface includes a top menu bar with "File", "Home", "Insert", "Draw", "Design", "Transitions", "Animations", "Slide Show", "Review", "View", "Help", and "Editing". The "Slide Show" menu is open, showing options like "From Beginning", "From Current Slide", "Present Live", "Always Use Subtitles", and "Rehearse with Coach". On the right side of the Zoom window, there is a vertical stack of video thumbnails for participants. The top thumbnail shows a man in a dark shirt, the second shows a woman with glasses, the third shows a man with glasses, and the fourth shows a man in a dark shirt. Below these is a grey placeholder icon for a participant whose video is off.

*\*Takimi nisi me prezantimin e antarëve të Grupit Ndërinstitucional të Punës dhe përfaqësuesve nga Sekretariati Ndërkombëtar EITI në Oslo. Ky takim u zhvillua në gjuhën angleze.*

**MR. MARK BURNETT** *I thank everybody for joining today, its really a great turnout and with the circumstance we are in with the Covid pandemic make it impossible for us right now to travel to Tirana, to visit you. Normally, we would want do a country mission to discuss Validation and help you prepare for it, but we are unable to do it right now but we gonna do the best to support you virtually with information briefings and discussions and we wona help you to get a success Validation on October. So, for today what we thought it will be usefull to do will be to kind of take you some slides which we prepared to present you the key points for the new model for Validation. So some of you are aware that the system has changed and the Board approved the new model of Validation the end of last year. So for those of you and who have been with the EITI for some time you will get to learn more about the new system today, so we will take you through that. We also present the new Validation guide; talk a bit about procedure for Validation how it will work and the third part, this morning will be about the data collection templates so the way you will prepare actually your data that will be used for the Validation process. So, I will start the presentation, the first part and then Olesia and Hugo will come in with some briefing for you about data collection and then we will take questions at the ends. So please takes notes what will you like to ask and we will have time in the end for questions and discussions. I think the first thing I need to do is to share my screen here. We will start with number one, and so again this will be three parts presentation, we will talk first about the new Validation model and how it compares with the old system, we will go into a little bit about the guide of Validation and procedure and then talk about the data collection. So I mention that the new Validation model was agreed last December. It's taking a new approach but that will maintain rigolous approach to Validation. It acknowledges that the countries got different start points and different*

challenges for implementing the EITI and want to be able to use the EITI to really address the most pressing priorities for improving extractive governance. Next slide shows, the new model has three components; we got the stakeholder engagement, transparency and then outcomes and impact. And on stakeholder engagement this part will access EITI requirement 1.1 to 1.4 which are around participation of constituencies and multi-stakeholder oversight through out the EITI process. The transparency component covers requirement 2 to 6 and that's whether countries meet the disclosure requirements of the standard and then the outcomes and impact access requirement 1.5 and requirement 7 on progress addressing national priorities and contributing to the public debate. So that gives you an idea how the assessment components work. Countries can also be awarded extra points for effectiveness and sustainability of EITI implementation. The next slide shows you how the EITI assesses progress with an overall score in the Validation to out of 100 and it represent an average of the score of each of these components that we talked about. Now in the next slide we take a closer look how at how the scores work and the possible of outcomes of Validation. So with the three components scores this gives you a score out of 100. The overall score again represent the average of components and you will see that Validation assesses the extent to which the requirements is met and there are five categories so will see that there is exceeded 100 points is all aspects of the requirements included the expected, the encourage, the recommended aspect that have been implemented and the broader objectives of the requirements have been fulfilled through systematic disclosure in government and in company systems. Fully met will be 90 points again the broader objective of the requirements that have been fulfilled and all require aspect of requirements have been addressed. Mostly met is 60 to 90 points and you got significant aspect of the requirement have been implemented and the broader objective have been mostly fulfilled. Partly met is 30 ponits up to 60 points and significant aspects have been not implemented and the broad objective of requirement has not been fulfilled and then not met will be 0 to 30 where nearly all aspect of requirement remain outstanding and

broader objective is far from fulfilled. So I give you an idea on scoring system is now based on points. The next slide, we can take a look at how the Validation system has evolved. And this kind of helps to understand the key differences especially for those of you who have been involved with the EITI for long time will know your first and second Validation for Albania the system is quite different. So under the old system which you may know the outcome of the Validation was overall assessment ranging from satisfactory progress to no progress and some outcomes and impact of the EITI implementation were documented but there was no mechanism that we had for rewarding the impact. So in the new Validation model the outcome of Validation as we saw as scored from 0 to 100 with the corresponding indicators ranging from low to very high. And we think that the result gives us new more measurement of progress that is easier to communicate to stakeholders, it also we think it rewards the impact of the EITI in the way we did not have before according to five indicators and assessing effectiveness and sustainability. In the next slide, see we can look at the consequences of Validation and under the new model the focus is more on the progress that countries make implementing the EITI. However it also sets the minimum level of progress and Validation scores that if there are breaches can trigger a suspension or delisting. If the country partly met or not met any of the requirements relating to stakeholder engagement so that's requirement 1.1, 1.2, 1.3. The board would suspend the country in accordance with article 5 section 4 of the Standard. The next slide, we will be looking at the Validation Guide which I think you will find a very important resource for you in preparing for Validation. The Validation Guide provides guides on assessing the EITI requirements and it's been updated to reflect the 2019 Standard. Of course the responsibility will be on implementing countries to demonstrate progress and provide evidence and in some cases there is specific evidence that the EITI board must see to ensure that the provision is being satisfied and in the other cases are different approaches that the country can take to address the EITI provision and the Validation Guide will provide examples of types of evidence that the board might consider and where the documentation supporting the EITI board

conclusion is available we would like to see a reference to a source that you will provide and also site sources of documentation will be important. The next slide is a reminder again about the three components of assessment that we talk about earlier. And Validation where proper can make recommendation on strengthen the implementation including on encourage systematic disclosure. The next slide, this is an illustration of how to read a guide and it shows you where to look for example the objective of each requirement that are at the top and also where you can find what is require and encourage the disclosure for each of requirements. So in that way the guide is helpful and showing you what you will be evaluation on Validation. And in the next slide we got an example here on where the guide shows you on civil society engagement. For example these is in three parts and gives you a kind of contention overview which is not part of assessment but gives you background information and it set the assessment into context. The next part is the assessment of the full active and effective engagement in the EITI and then finally caseses where there are concerns that civil society protocole has been bridged there is a detail guiding questions. So it gives you some explanation about what you can find in the guide of validation on civil society. Next slide is an example of MSG governance requirement. This is to ensure there is an independent MSG that can exercise active and meaningful oversight of all aspect of implementation balancing the three main consistuencies, government, industry and civil society. And as a precondition for achieving this objective the MSG must include adequate representation of the key stakeholders pointed on the basis of open, fair, transparente, precedures for constituency and making desisions in inclusive manner so that's an example of what kind of content you will find on the Validation Guide on MSG governance. Let's see the next slide, is regarding effectiveness and sustainability indicators that aim to capture some of the outcomes of the implementation across countries and identify opportunities for improvments and there are five indicators for effectiveness and sustainability. The EITI implementation addresses a national relevant extractive sector, government challanges, extractive sector data is disclosure systemactly through

routine government and corporate reporting. There is an enabling environment for citizens participation in extractive sector government including participation by effective communities. Data is accessible and used for analysis and research and advocacy work and EITI has informed changes in policy or practices so those are the 5 kind of areas for effectiveness and sustainability. And points are awarded for each of those and added for outcomes and impact component of the score. Slide 14, the next slide, this is an overview for you of the main parts of validation procedure and what I would like to highlight here for you is how under the old model the International Secretariat collate all the documentation for Validation. We will request the information from the National Secretariat and MSG and prepare the assessment. The first Validation this was reviewed by an independent validator and subsequently the International Secretariat team would include members of the countries team who would provide implementation support. But in the new model what you will expect this time is that the MSG is got responsibility for ensuring that the necessary data and documentation demonstrating Albanian progress would be collected and submitted to the International Secretariat before Validation. So Validation won't involve independent validator and the role of International Secretariat staff in the Validation would be clearly distinguished. So this kind shows you the different steps. You will see this slide shows you the key milestones in the process, in the procedures. Some of them are completing the data and documentation that happens prior to commencement of Validation. There will be about one month before Validation starts. So for Albania starting in September, there will be a call for views on stakeholder engagement and the International Secretariat will issue that call for views and then when the Validation starts on first of October this is when the MSG will have the final submission of data and the documentation to the Secretariat. So you see the progression from now until to first of October how it will look. The next slide, when preparing for the Validation the MSG will be asked to use the approved data templates that will provide evidence progress and help us to evaluate the three components. These templates will need to be submitted before at the point the Validation commences and we would



encourage the MSG to use three different templates, one for stakeholder engagement, and one for the transparency and another for outcome and impacts. You can use this for preparing for Validation and also just as regular part of your work in implementing the EITI in Albania including in between Validation this template can be helpful to all. The next slide is a kind of illustration of the annual disclosure cycle so when integrating the templates we will discuss more next. This template can be very useful for improving MSG understanding and the oversight of the strength and weakness of EITI process. It supports the MSG and objective setting and your plan activities looking into your priorities as well as to your progress in the EITI requirement. We can now take a closer look at the template and I will turnover to Olesia to tell us about stakeholder engagement and the outcome and impact templates and then Hugo will give us some detail about transparency templates, so I turnover to Olesia now, thank you.

**MRS. OLESIA TOLOCHKO** Thank you very much Mark and I would like to introduce the stakeholder engagement template. As the first template and as Mark mentioned it is...correct that all this three templates they need to be submitted before the start of Validation and in case of Albania this is first October of this year. Stakeholder engagement template looks like on this slide, so it is a word document that provides key questions that should be responded by the MSG,... of National Secretariat. The stakeholder engagement template collects information related to the EITI requirements, related to MSG engagement in the EITI process. So for those who have been involved with the EITI for quite a long time these are requirement 1.1 to 1.4. Subsequently the template also consists of four parts. First one is MSG oversight and this part reflects the most aspect of requirement 1.4. So here the MSG and National Secretariat would be asked to respond to the following questions, for example what is the composition of the MSG? Has it been changed since the last Validation? What is the MSG term of reference so in some cases is also called memorandum of understanding and whether it has been actually a followed practice. We also will ask you to provide

information about the MSG meetings in the period under ... and I think this template is normally prepared by the National Secretariat but also it should be approved by the MSG. The second part of this template is on the government engagement and this part reflects provisions...and also some aspect of requirement 1.4. So here what we would be asking you to provide information about active government engagement in the EITI process as well about the nomination processes, in election process for government constituency to the MSG. This part should be prepared and approved by the government MSG members and the completed file should be presented to the MSG for information but MSG approval is not expected. We suggest that for this part as well as for company engagement and civil society engagement, the MSG members may wish to agree on one coordinator for each constituency who will collect this information from stakeholders and prepare and fill in those parts of the template. The third part is related to industry engagement, so this is the part that is related to requirement 1.2 and it collects information and evidence on active engagement by extractive companies in the EITI process as well as reflects nomination and election process for industry MSG representatives. As well as for the government engagement this part should be prepared by relevant constituency, so industry constituency and presented to all MSG just for information. And the last one is on civil society engagement and this part reflects provisions of requirements 1.3. So here we will be asking to collect information and provide some evidence of active engagement of civil society in the EITI as well as about the nomination and election process to the MSG. Also in case there are any obstacles or barriers for civil society to participate in the EITI it's important to reflect them on this template. This part of the template should be prepared and approved by the civil society representative and as well presented to the MSG for information. The International Secretariat Validation team may in addition conduct in-person or virtual consultations with different stakeholder to get better understanding about how different stakeholder groups engage in the EITI work. As Mark mentioned previously approximately one month before the start of Validation commencement the International Secretariat

will launch a public call for stakeholder use. So this call offers any stakeholder the opportunity to share their opinion and their respective on the EITI implementation in the period of under review and any concerns related to any potential breaches of the EITI civil society protocol should also indicate which provision in the protocol is suspected to have been breached so those are for example the engagement of civil society in the work their ability to operate, freedom to speak and so on. So if there any problem with the civil society engagement its important to reflect which provision of the protocol has been breached. And civil society protocol just for information is part of the EITI Standard so you can find there and review. The second template that I want to briefly cover is called outcomes and impact template. It is also a world document that we would be asking the MSG to fill in and this template covers requirement 1.5 So that's the requirement on development and the implementation of the work plan as well as all requirement 7. You can see in this slide the table of contents and we will be asking the MSG to provide information on how the work plan was developed, what activities it includes, where the national priorities consider in the development of work plan, what has been implemented and what has not been implemented in the period of under review. In addition to that will be asking some questions related to requirement 7 so those are for example related to open data as well as outreach and communication for example has the summary data file have been prepared in the period under review. What outreach and dissemination activities have been conducted over the last years and so on. This template provides very detail guidance that we will be asking the MSG to provide information on. In addition to cover the requirement 1.5 and 7 this template also includes part three on effectiveness and sustainability, where the...questions and this is is part where the MSG could receive extra 10 points during their Validation. I think that's two templates in brief and I will pass over to Hugo who will present transparency template.

**MR. HUGO PARET** Thank you so much Olesia. This is the third template that we will present today but this will be effectively the first one if you remember the recording cycle, the first one that you will probably work on. For those who have filled in the work of summary data before you will recognize where this transparency template comes from because it was largely inspired from summary data template, at least the second version. So this is the template that can be used first to assist you in preparing the Validation, helping you to spots where are the possible gaps in the disclosures at the Validation and then this is the template that has to be delivered to International Secretariat for us to start the Validation. We can move to the next slide, I'm not going to dive too much into the details but also you can see that this is taken directly from the summary data template, this is the part call about and ... so for each disclosure requirement so we don't look 1.8 requirement I have been covered in first template and the outcomes have been covered also in the second template. So for each disclosure requirement so from 2.1 to 6.4 you will have a data that will ask and for each question in validation guide you will have the possibility to answer if the data is disclosed and if yes how. The small text here on the top right button specifies that the completed transparency addresses all aspects of summary data table and more but it can also work the other way around. So for the example in the case of Albania since you already filled in several summary data template under the 2.4 formats so for 2017-2018 years, you can use the summary data template to populate some of the transparency template. Because if you remember, the summary data template also largely follows the structure of the EITI Standard so the requirement from 2.1 to 6.4. So it can be a good place to start when you are going to fill in this transparency template, look back at this summary data and you can basically copy paste information in some cases. Now if we can go to the next slide the transparency template is a bit more detailed than summary data. Summary data as I said is a summary while here you will have not only the possibility to put information as how it is disclosed but also where. And here it says that the EITI Report is automatically or systematically disclosed. If it is disclosed in two places like you could have for instance

information on licenses, I think I remember in Albania was between the institutional website but also part of it was made on the national EITI website. If it is in two places we encourage you to put the two sources, so put the link of the website of the government system or agency and disclose the licenses but also the EITI report page reference or the section or the address of the EITI website. Because what we call systematically disclosed means has to be online, regularly updated but it has to come from government systems. If it's on the national EITI webpage it...EITI reporting logically. The MSG has the occasion to put his self assessment of the progress on the objective. Requirement 2.6 has been fully met you can put here if you think that has some weaknesses you can put partly met or mostly met. And you can input your comment or describe the weakness in the column call gaps in compliance data quality disaggregation etc. So this is where it differs a bit summary data is that you can develop a narrative as to explain the situation on your country. The summary data is very strict and standardize tool. So this is the difference between the summary data and transparency template. You can see the question and this is something that can be helpful to start filling a head of Validation way before. So if you are not able to answer to a question or if you don't find for instance where are the ...rules regarding ...the relation with government describe. If you can't find the source it might indicate this is the gap for the requirement 2.6 taken as an example here and that you might want to address before the Validation start. This will avoid many back and forth if you remember from the previous Validation that we have after the start of Validation where some information was missing and we had to go to the institution and then come back to the International Secretariat that had more question on the comprehensive or on the quality of the data etc. The head of Validation we encourage you to fill the first, the second, the third and the fourth column. The fourth column is really where the MSG can provide inputs as in quality of information if it is sufficiently disaggregated and if its completeness. For instance you can think that on the requirement 2.2 because this was the corrective action for Albania. You could said that we were able to answer all the questions in the third column but we think that the technical and

financial criteria for the awarded of licences for instance are not public and this is something that should be done in the head of Validation, so that's an example. The next slide, this is the good part when we had several documents to report and monitor the disclouser before and now everything has been marge into single document the transparency template for the EITI disclosures. You may have not seen this document but we at the International Secretariat that we called the report analysis template used to analyse every EITI report that was published. We had the prevalidation...that maybe some of you have seen from the previous Validation and systematic disclosure ...and this now has been marged into one single document the transparency template for EITI disclosures. So in the head of Validation all you need to do is working on the transparency template. The IA can propably assisted you in doing this, the International Secretariat will be more then happy to support also to help you fill this in. Now for the summary data template is a bit different because this one hasn't disappeared you still need to submit one summary data per EITI report or per fiscal year here. But it helps as I said; it helps you a lot in filling the information in the transparency template. The reason we kept the summary data template is that this is the way for International Secretariat to standardize and ... of data that we can compare across years, regions, teams. So this is something that can help us and you also because everything is in old summary data temple or in open data to fill the visualization tool or analysis tool if you want to compare Albania with neighbor in the region for instance. This is much easier to do it with the summary data then with any other documents because this is an open data and this is standardized. Do you have any question?

**MR. MARK BURNETT** Yeah this is an excellent time I think we can go into questions on the transparency template or more general questions. I know we presented a lot of information to you today and we can send you this PowerPoint to go back and review. We cover a lot of ground but please come in with your questions.

**MR. HUGO PARET** Maybe before the question one thing I forgot to mention is that the transparency template will be carried through the Validation process. So once the country lets say Albania has submitted the transparency template the team from the EITI International Secretariat will reviewed and input comments and question in the template. This template will be sending back to Albania for the MSG or IA to comment and then will come back finally to the International Secretariat to help build the final assesement.

**MR. MARK BURNETT** Yeah that's a very good point Hugo makes there is a dialogue that goes on during the Validation. And I thought also a very important point Hugo made was the resource you have in your summary data sheet to transfer data to the transparency template. I think you will find that really helpful as you work through this and just remember that Hugo did an excellent job on so called cleaning the data, formatting it in a standart way. So your final version of your summary data for 2018 is now published on the EITI website to use that file, the final version when you transfer to the transparency template. Great, thank you. We are open for your questions, please. Who would like to go first?

**MR. PËRPARIM ALIKAJ** I listen to the presentation and they look invested and they are made with confidence from you guys. My question is connected with the have you make consultation with diffrents players regarding to the compliants of these changes in Validation and the legislation in each country? If they can make any breaches. Have you done such inspection? Or maybe in the future each country will present the problems that might have. But in order to shorten this discussion it will be good if you have such connections, questions and you put together these problems that might be because for example it is the confidentiality agreement between countries and foreign companies. There are certain points that might be different from country to country. Have you done a research and what will be your advice in the future if this will be considered? And the other question is connected to the present situation that we are under the covid pandemic right now, at list one year and a half and propably one more year we will be again in this situation. Have you consider this

period as something special and we have to consider some special measure in addition to this online, that's not problem. The problem is between companies, do you foresee some delays or some problems due to covid. These are my questions, thank you.

**MR. MARK BURNETT** Thank you there are excellent questions and I think I am happy to take the second question and I wonder Hugo or Olesia maybe if you want to comment on the first question about consulting stakeholder on the new model and maybe the background to that from last year if you have any thoughts on how the consultation process work in the feedback process.

**MR. HUGO PARET** I wasn't involved directly in the make of the new Validation model but I know there has been run of consultations first with internal stakeholder this has been a discussion with the board. So the representatives from all three constituency civil society, companies and government have been involved and I have been able to provide comments on the new Validation model. It took some month before the final version of this new Validation model was approved so it has been a comprehensive dialogue between constituency at the board to arrive to this new model. So yes there has been consultation with the three constituency at list to develop this new model.

**MRS. OLESIA TOLOCHKO** And maybe I just complement that we also had a run of consultation directly with countries in different regions and all the feedback that was provided by countries representatives was share with the board members for their consideration.

**MR. HUGO PARET** Maybe one example of this of the outcome of this dialogue is the fact that the new model is a bit more flexible now for instance before if the country was to get all the requirements satisfactory progress but one that will be meaningful that would automatically put the country in meaningful progress, country could not achieve the highest rate of progress. Now it is not the case any more because you can get, well it's just simply not the case anymore. You can still score satisfactory progress so the highest is not call the satisfactory progress



any more, I don't remember the term but you can still score the highest rank of progress without scoring with having same requirement as not fully met. And this is because you get extra point if you go beyond the minimum requirements, for some requirements and this is also because you can get some extra points for impact and outcomes so this is was a direct asks from government constituency.

**MR. MARK BURNETT** Thank you and preparing on your second question regarding covid the pandemic and how we are responding. So I will mention two things first last year the board decided to offer new options called flexible reporting which gives implementing countries the ability to basically produce an adaptive report. Instead of the traditional report you are able to more flexible to identify the issues that are more relevant in your country and focus on those on the reporting and also lighter touch in terms of not necessarily having to use the full independent administrator, commissioning so the report is a more flexible approach and some countries for example have decided only to spot check certain data and not do a full reconciliation of all of the data so in that way they have less ...on preparing the report which helps on this circumstance of covid. A second way the International Secretariat are adapting is we provided much support by mission to countries so traveling, you know we had gone to Tirana, set down with you, have meetings to help you prepare for the Validation but now we are moving to a more virtual way of working. So today's webinars are an examples of that and other countries we were working and are currently preparing for Validation we do support with prevalidation workshops, discussions and we can focus that to your requirement and to your need in Albania. So that's part of what we have thinking about in the coming months how we can best to support you in this virtual way to prepare and to get the best result from Validation on October so that's what I would say on our responds to covid.

**MR. PËRPARIM ALIKAJ** Okay, thank you for your responds and I think this will be an ongoing process because we don't know how these things will go.

**MR. MARK BURNETT** Yeah absolutely it is ongoing and I think we have learned from it, a little bit different from country to country. There are some countries

were we see the health situation allows meeting in person and people are meeting and we have a kind of high..approach where we are supporting virtually and they are meeting in persons so yeah, we have to be flexible in the way we adapt. Olesia did you have something to say, to add?

**MRS. OLESIA TOLOCHKO** No, just a brief note that also the board considers the impact of covid on the Albania in reporting process and also the deadline for publishing the 2017-2018 EITI report was extended as well as the starting date of the Validation. It was suppose to start on the first of January this year and it has been move on first of October. So the board considers their requests from the MSG and made some decision related to that.

**MR. MARK BURNETT** That's an important point about flexibility deadlines. Good any other question, or if you need more time to think we are always available to come back another time.

**MRS. ANILA HAJNAJ** I suppose that Hugo answered to my question actually that we are going to have this dialogue but I suppose not only during the time of completing the templates but I think that if its possible during the preparation process we can also communicate with the team, with Hugo, with you, with Olesia so I think we are going to have this ongoing communication until the date will come.

**MR. MARK BURNETT** Yeah appssolutely we can think about the best way to strucure that. One approach might be that we can take kind of the group of issues like around let's say for example revenue collection. You know we maybe might have a conversation about the requirements related to that subject. Maybe in another conversation we can take a different area and kind to support you to think about, analyze and prepare the data in the template and you know work through that way. So we are open to your ideas and suggestions. How you would like to organized the work in your MSG. It's possible also to use consulting for some this work. Some countries are hiring consulting to help them to fill some of this and reviewing the work and doing that it depends on how much

capacity you have and how you want to organize the work within the MSG, how you would like to work with us? We are here to support you, to help you to get a good result on October. So let us now!

**MRS. ANILA HAJNAJ** Okay, thank you!

**MR. MARK BURNETT** Thank you, any other questions? Perhaps more questions will come as times goes and you have a chance to look at details. As I was saying the guidance note are really excellent resources for you. You know those who will take you step by step through what are the requirements, what kind of evidence we are looking for. So thinking about filling the templates, the guidance notes will be a really excellent resource for you and I know the team in Oslo put a lot of time for preparing that, so do have a look at those.

**MR. DRITAN DERVISHAJ** Let us study better the presentation on these guidance and templates and if we will have to clarify any informations we will contact through the Albanian Secretariat or find the way.

**MR. MARK BURNETT** Yeah appssolutely please do that and I know it's gone be different this year for you in terms of the kind of coordination with the Secretariat there is a little bit more preparation work in filling the forms. As Hugo mentioned is less forms I think to fill in, we consolidated it and maybe you will find it easier to have it all in one place mostly. With that I think we can close the call today. Thank you so much and we were very happy to have to see some of you on the call and thank you for making the time out of the schedule to listen to us and participate. We really encourage to getting by the great work we see in Albania. You guys are doing excellent reporting and projects. We have been impressed by the work plan you got this year so you know really just congratulation on your level of ambitions and engagement with the EITI. We are looking forward to working with you this year. It will be I think excellent opportunity to work together so thank you all very much.

The meeting closes with greetings from everyone participated.

**The meeting lasted 00:59:53'**