



EITI Albania

## OPEN DATA POLICY

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## 1. Preamble

This document is **EITI Albania policy on Open data** and our endorsement of the Open Data Definition in accordance with the International Open Data Charter: **Open data, is digital data that is made available with the technical and legal characteristics necessary for it to be freely used, reused, and redistributed by anyone, anytime, anywhere.**

The Albania EITI policy and agenda on Open Data will be in accordance with the EITI Standard and an organic part of the overall national agenda on Open Government Data recognizing the impact that transparency, fighting corruption and citizen's participation has in the social and economic development of the country.

During the establishment of the new government in September 2013, Mr. Edi Rama, Prime Minister of Albania, declared among other things, open and transparent governance as one of the key priorities of the national agenda for "creating a fair society".

On 18.2.2015 the Council of Ministers approved the decision no. 147 on: Approval of the Document on the Open Data Policy and establishment of the Open Data portal<sup>1</sup>. The process will be led by the Minister of Innovation and Public Administration.

Albania, like Europe and the world, is embracing this digital revolution to support government systems, by creating new opportunities for citizens and business to benefit. In this context, the Government of Albanian has taken a strong commitment towards supporting and promoting digital initiatives as a powerful tool that leads to modernized governance, increased know-how for a society that is more open, and a sustainable economic development for its citizens.

Based on these priorities and with increasing demands from the public for transparent and accountable governance, Albania is going through very significant and massive transformations in regard to its Digital Agenda for 2015-2020 on E-governance and Information Society strategy and as part of its OGP commitments on "Open Data"<sup>2</sup>.

## 2. Purpose, scope and users

With this Policy, the multi-stakeholder group (MSG) of the Albanian Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative sets out the principles for the implementation of the Open Data principle within the framework of the Albanian EITI. Moreover, this Policy aims to ensure compliance with the new 2016 EITI Standard and most importantly to ensure that all the data can be freely used, modified, and shared by anyone for any purpose.

Users of this document are all Albania EITI employees and all interested parties, including MSG Board and Civil Society.

## 3. Our Open Data Objectives

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<sup>1</sup> [http://mobile.ikub.al/LIGJE\\_CATEGORY/PeR-MIRATIMIN-E-DOKUMENTIT-TePOLITIKAVE-PeR-IMPLEMENTIMIN-E-Te-DHeNAVE-Te-HAPURA-PUBLIKE-DHE-KRIJIMIN-E-PORTALIT-Te-Te-DHeNAVE-Te-HAPURA--1508030128.aspx](http://mobile.ikub.al/LIGJE_CATEGORY/PeR-MIRATIMIN-E-DOKUMENTIT-TePOLITIKAVE-PeR-IMPLEMENTIMIN-E-Te-DHeNAVE-Te-HAPURA-PUBLIKE-DHE-KRIJIMIN-E-PORTALIT-Te-Te-DHeNAVE-Te-HAPURA--1508030128.aspx)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.inovacioni.gov.al/files/pages\\_files/Digital\\_Agenda\\_Strategy\\_2015\\_-\\_2020.pdf](http://www.inovacioni.gov.al/files/pages_files/Digital_Agenda_Strategy_2015_-_2020.pdf)

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The Requirement 7 of the new 2016 EITI Standard states that EITI implementing countries must develop An Open Data Policy by 1st January 2017 and achieve the following objectives:

- a. To increase transparency about government and business activities, and increases awareness about how countries' natural resources are used and how extractives revenues are levied and spent, providing strong incentives for that money to be used most effectively.
- b. To promote accountability and good governance, enhances public debate, and helps to combat corruption. Providing access to government data can empower individuals, the media, civil society, and business to make better informed choices about the services they receive and the standards they should expect. Open data, can also be a valuable tool for government in improving policy making and sector management.
- c. To ensure free access to, and subsequent re-use of, open data are of significant value to society and the economy.

## **4. Our Open Data Principles**

Based on the Albanian “Technical Standards for Publication of Data in The Open Data Format” version 1.0, published by AKSHI (National Agency of the Information Society) on 20/02/2013, government data will be considered “opened” if they are published in accordance with the following principles<sup>3</sup>:

### **4.1. Data should be complete**

All public data should to be available. The data are electronically stored information or records, including, but not limited to documents, databases, transcripts and audio / visual recordings. Public data are considered data which are not subject of privacy and security assessment, and privilege restriction.

### **4.2. Data should be authentic**

Data should be published as collected at the source, detailed and not in a summarized or modified form.

### **4.3. Data should be published on time**

The data should be published as soon as possible after the collecting process of information and thorough detail. Publication speed may bring inaccuracies in the first version, so more accurate versions should be published when available.

### **4.4. Data should be easy accessible**

Public data should be available and easy to find from a specific and unique online access point. The public sector has numerous web pages and that is why it is important to have only one, well-known access point, where people can find the data.

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<sup>3</sup> [http://www.akshi.gov.al/Standarde%20Teknike/standardet\\_teknike\\_te\\_publikimit\\_te\\_te\\_dhenave\\_ne\\_formatin\\_open\\_data.pdf](http://www.akshi.gov.al/Standarde%20Teknike/standardet_teknike_te_publikimit_te_te_dhenave_ne_formatin_open_data.pdf)

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#### **4.5. Data should be machine readable / editable**

Data should be structured in machine readable form that allows their automated processing. To enable their reuse and increase efficiency, data should also be machine- editable.

#### **4.6. Data access shall not be discriminatory**

The data should be available for everyone, without any requirement for registration.

#### **4.7. Data should be “non-proprietary”**

Data should be available in formats, upon which no subject has absolute ownership.

#### **4.8. Data should be available under an open license**

The data should be published under the same open license and open, which enables free reuse of records, including commercial reuse. The data should not be subject of copyright, patent or market brand. Privacy restrictions, security and privileges can be allowed, if administered by other statutes.

Public records should be freely available for use in any lawful manner, without the need for registration. Applications must be able to use the data without having to inform or to obtain permission to the relevant public bodies.

### **5. Our Open Data Priorities with regard to National Agenda**

- a. Include Natural Resource governance and open data for EITI, at the national priorities for open data government systems by default and work towards mainstreaming the creation of open data for EITI into government systems to ensure timeliness, data quality, and reuse and cost effectiveness.
  - b. Implement legal changes that will enable and regulate release, publication and open data per each government agency dealing with natural resource governance.
  - c. Conduct end-user surveys to establish the format and quality of data are user friendly, fully described, with sufficient information to understand their strengths, weaknesses, analytical limitations, and security requirements, as well as how to process the data;
  - d. Exchange with other countries on technical expertise to maximize the potential of open data;
  - e. Work to increase open data literacy and encourage people, such as developers of applications and civil society organizations that work in the field of open data promotion, to unlock the value of open data;
  - f. Ensure that data is interoperable with national and international standards, including adopting data standards approved by the EITI board and additional guidance provided by the EITI secretariat;
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## 6. Our Content Use Policy will be

Unless otherwise noted, you may republish our content for free, by giving credit to our source (for web with direct link, for print with EITI Albania, [albeiti.org](http://albeiti.org)).

## 7. Support for the Open Data Policy implementation

Hereby the MSG of the Albania EITI declares that it has agreed to accelerate and ensure the successful implementation and continual improvement of this Policy. It will support the Albanian EITI Secretariat with the achievement of the overall objectives set in this Policy and satisfy all the identified requirements of the 2016 EITI Standard.

## 8. Reference documents

- 2016 EITI standard<sup>4</sup>
- Open Data Charters<sup>5</sup>
- Technical Standards of Publication of Data in The Open Data Formats<sup>6</sup>
- Decision no. 147 of the Council of Ministers approved on 18.2.2015: Approval of the Document on the Open Data Policy and establishment of the Open Data portal<sup>7</sup>.
- National Policy for the Implementation of the Open Data in Accordance with the OGP Action Plan (see 7).

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<sup>4</sup> <https://eiti.org/standard/overview>

<sup>5</sup> <http://opendatacharter.net/>

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.akshi.gov.al/Standarde%20Teknike/standardet\\_teknike\\_te\\_publikimit\\_te\\_te\\_dhenave\\_ne\\_formatin\\_open\\_data.pdf](http://www.akshi.gov.al/Standarde%20Teknike/standardet_teknike_te_publikimit_te_te_dhenave_ne_formatin_open_data.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> [http://mobile.ikub.al/LIGJE\\_CATEGORY/PeR-MIRATIMIN-E-DOKUMENTIT-TePOLITIKAVE-PeR-IMPLEMENTIMIN-E-Te-DHeNAVE-Te-HAPURA-PUBLIKE-DHE-KRIJIMIN-E-PORTALIT-Te-Te-DHeNAVE-Te-HAPURA--1508030128.aspx](http://mobile.ikub.al/LIGJE_CATEGORY/PeR-MIRATIMIN-E-DOKUMENTIT-TePOLITIKAVE-PeR-IMPLEMENTIMIN-E-Te-DHeNAVE-Te-HAPURA-PUBLIKE-DHE-KRIJIMIN-E-PORTALIT-Te-Te-DHeNAVE-Te-HAPURA--1508030128.aspx)

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