Increasing beneficial ownership data analysis in the extractive sector

Global call for proposals
Timeline

2 May
Global call for research projects

1 June
Deadline to submit proposals

20 June
Announcement of successful projects

1 July
Projects start their implementation

31 December
Projects must finish their implementation

Jan-Feb 2023
Key findings and outcomes
Opening Extractives

Programme objectives

1. Enable governments and industry to disclose high quality open beneficial ownership

2. Build the capacity of government and local stakeholders to use and analyse data to improve natural resource governance

3. Develop and communicate relevant insights on the impact of beneficial ownership transparency in the extractive industries

Jointly implemented by:
Standard acronym for beneficial ownership transparency
What is BOT?

Transparency over who **ultimately owns and controls** companies
Opening Extractives is seeking to support the development of tailored and context-based projects that catalyse transformative change towards increased beneficial ownership transparency in the extractives sector.

We are looking for organisations, media centres or individuals to submit innovative projects to tackle opaque company ownership in the natural resources and extractives sector through public beneficial ownership data analysis and use.

We want to support ideas that use available data in a particular context, or seek to investigate a particular case, company or individual.
We expect to support proposals that aim to use and analyse public beneficial ownership data to:

- investigate or fight potential corrupt practices in the extractives sector through companies’ ownership or control data;
- explore how beneficial ownership data can be used in procurement or licensing projects;
- analyse tax evasion, money laundering or illicit financial flows;
- explore the challenges in natural security, data protection or other local policy challenges; or
- link beneficial ownership data with other key governance data sources (such as assets declarations, political parties and campaigns’ financing, natural resources revenues and taxation, etc).
WHAT DOES GOOD LOOK LIKE?

A successful proposal should:

- be **problem-driven and solution-oriented** and set out concrete and achievable objectives;

- engage with **diverse stakeholders** and clearly state how the project will improve companies’ accountability in the extractives sector;

- Apply **innovative approaches and tools** to investigate and uncover company ownership in a particular context;

- provide **impactful use cases** to make the case for beneficial ownership transparency.
WHAT CAN OPENING EXTRACTIVES OFFER?

- **Technical assistance and guidance** on concepts, supporting evidence and guiding examples
- **Advocacy support** with on strategies, communications and background materials to build campaigns, key messages and making the case for beneficial ownership transparency;
- **Capacity building and training skills** to project teams on key terms, tools and data analysis;
- **1:1 troubleshooting sessions** to discuss obstacles and challenges in the project’s implementation;
- **Network of global contacts** to partner with and connect for action.
Joining the dots: platform to search for Politically Exposed Persons (PEPs) or companies that hold public contracts or an extractive license with the Colombian State (run by Directorio Legislativo and EITI).

Socios.red: Link companies, political financing, public contracts and PEPs data in a visual and interactive way (Argentina).

Analysis of Slovakia's beneficial ownership policy: case study report analysing Slovakia’s beneficial ownership register, data disclosures, sanctions and law enforcement.

Contracts for Sale documentary: Manasseh Azure Awuni reveals how a company owned by the head of Ghana's Public Procurement Authority engages in illicit sale of government contracts.

Infographics and information cards: explain in a visual and easy way processes and concepts, that can be used for advocacy and communicational purposes (Armenia, beneficial ownership transparency, or data-driven research and investigative journalism option 1 and 2).
Eligibility criteria

➔ Formally registered organisation, media centre or individual(s)
➔ Legal right to work in their country of residence
➔ Based in one (or more) of the following countries:

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Applications will be scored up to a total of 30 points against the following indicators:

- The potential **impact** of the proposed project (up to 12 points);
- The **feasibility** of achieving the set objectives considering the local context (up to 12 points);
- The **capacity and connections** of the proposed team to deliver key activities (up to 6 points).

For more information about the eligibility and scoring criteria [click here](#).
HOW TO APPLY

- Download the template (in English, Spanish or French)
- Submit it to openingextractives@eiti.org.
- We will receive proposals until 1 June, 2022.
- Proposals should be implemented between 1 July and 31 December, 2022.
- Budget can be between USD 10,000 and 25,000.