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2019 PWYP Regional Eurasia meeting – 15th meeting of the network members in Eurasia

Location and timing	Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan, September 10-12, 2019
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Strengthen the effective trans-national coordination of PWYP coalitions and foster experience sharing across Eurasia. 2) Conduct regional consultations on operationalizing the PWYP Global Strategy for 2020-2025 3) Build the capacity of PWYP members on accessing and using data on extractive industries
Expected outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● More strategic, coordinated and connected network of CSOs in Eurasia ● PWYP coalitions have a clear understanding of the 2020-2025 strategy and of their role in implementation ● Improved capacity on data work, including where and how to access and use extractive industry data from mandatory disclosures
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 representatives from each PWYP coalition in Mongolia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan ideally with local funding, 8 reps from PWYP Kyrgyzstan coalition. ● 1 representative from each PWYP member country (where there is no official coalition) – Albania, Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo. ● 1 Representative from the PWYP Global Council from Eurasia. ● PWYP Secretariat - 3 persons ● Eurasia rep on Int. EITI Board - 1 person ● Data trainer - 1 person ● NRGi - 1 person ● Local journalists/media – 2 persons ● OSF Kyrgyzstan - 1 person (TBC) ● Translators - 2 persons ● TOTAL flying in - 20 persons ● TOTAL local - 13 persons
Budget	The indicative budget for this event is USD 25,000

Background

Publish What You Pay (PWYP) is a global movement of civil society organizations in over 55 countries making oil, gas and mineral governance open, accountable, sustainable, equitable and responsive to all people.



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The PWYP movement includes hundreds of organizations spread across resource-rich countries throughout the world, including human rights, faith-based, fiscal, development, transparency, and anti-corruption groups. PWYP members are uniquely positioned to understand how mismanagement and poor governance of the natural resource extraction sector can devastate communities. Greater transparency from this sector can empower citizens to hold their leaders accountable for the revenues generated from their finite natural resources.

The PWYP Global Strategy 2020-2025 has been developed via a global consultation over 18 months and was adopted at the Global Assembly in Dakar, Senegal in January 2019. The strategy places a clear emphasis on ensuring that transparency contributes to broader changes in policy and behaviour which improve the lives of citizens in resource-rich countries. PWYP will be focused on defending people's rights to participate in decisions which affect them, on expanding and deepening space for citizen participation and on building more connected and resilient national coalitions. The 2nd day of the regional meeting will be dedicated to input from members in how they will contribute to operationalising the global strategy in its first three years of implementation.

PWYP has over 200 member organizations in Eurasia. In Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Mongolia and Ukraine PWYP members coordinate within well established national coalitions, while in Albania, Armenia, Georgia and Kazakhstan a smaller number of CSOs are affiliated to PWYP in less formal networks.

Since 2005, annual PWYP regional meetings of transparency and anti-corruption activists in Eurasia have played an important role in vertical and horizontal expansion of the movement. At the initial stages, the meetings served an important role for information and experience sharing, solving common challenges and creating personal contacts among established and newer members of the movement. With a dedicated Regional Coordinator in place since 2013, trans-national coordination in the region has extended beyond the regional meeting itself, including through exchange visits, regional working groups and regional projects.

One particular trend in the region is the deterioration, since 2012, of civic space for civil society engagement in natural resource governance issues and beyond, resulting in decreasing donor support for the work in natural resource governance. However, OSF country offices continue to play an important role in supporting civil society activists working in this field. OSF offices and NRGIs are strategic partners for PWYP in Eurasia, which remains one of the few anti-corruption networks still active in the region.

The regional PWYP meetings have also become an important platform for training. Accessing and using data on extractive industry (PWYP Global goal 2) is one of the areas where members need improved capacity for more evidence-based approach during campaigns and activities. Based on this request, PWYP International Secretariat has made a decision to co-organize with OSF Kyrgyzstan and NRGIs a training on data from mandatory disclosure legislation in EU, UK and Canada during the 2019 Eurasia regional meeting to be organized in Kyrgyzstan.



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Data workshop

PWYP members have been using revenue data from the oil, gas, and mining sector for many years. Prior to disclosures made available through European and Canadian reporting requirements, members had already been poring over information released through EITI reports and voluntary disclosures from several more progressive companies. In the years since, more reports have been made public under the mandatory disclosure requirements, and EITI disclosures have become more detailed and comprehensive use of payment data has expanded and flourished. Oil, gas and mining companies are now disclosing their payments to governments across the world on a project-by-project basis. Project-level payment data are being actively analyzed by PWYP member organizations and by citizens in resource-rich countries. The payments amount to hundreds of billions of dollars a year and are a vital source of government revenue. Yet too often the money gets diverted into private pockets instead of benefiting people in resource-rich countries.

The workshop will be on using extractive companies' revenue disclosures from numerous sources including EITI disclosures, "payments to governments" reports, companies' voluntary reports and civil society databases such as resourceprojects.org and resourcecontracts.org, to investigate/solve problems identified by PWYP members, hold governments and industry to account. The workshop will show practical ways of accessing and using revenue and contract data to follow the money and hold governments and industry accountable.

Participants will also have a chance to learn from other PWYP members around the world who have conducted data analysis and visualization and work in country groups to develop ideas for joint data work. Finally, participants will be given a chance to apply the newly acquired knowledge during group work exercise.

Online surveys in English and Russian will be conducted in order to help organizers guide the workshop itself (e.g., which company/project/government data are you interested in finding out more about? And/or a more general question about what problems are you working/keen to work on). The survey will also include a written section of up to 500 words on why they need data etc, and also questions to trainers.

Draft agenda

9 September - Arriving in Bishkek (spending night in Bishkek)

10 September (Day 1) - Arriving in Issyk-Kul; welcome and updates from participants

AM	Arriving in Issyk-Kul	
PM	Opening. Updates from PWYP Secretariat and member countries	SFK, PWYP, NRG I



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11 September (Day 2) - PWYP 2020-2025 strategy

AM	Operationalizing PWYP 2020-2025 strategy in Eurasia	PWYP
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12 September (Day 3) - Data workshop (practice and planning)

AM	Part 1: Extractive Industry data Access to EI database (sources and online platforms with new data coming from mandatory disclosure legislation in the UK, EU, Canada and beyond; also other platforms where EI data is available, including EITI data, BO data and etc)	NRGI
PM	Part 2: Examples from around the world how the above-mentioned data was used for various purposes by our PWYP members. Group exercise on data	NRGI
	Wrapping up and closing the meeting	SFK,PWYP,NRGI

13 September morning - breakfast and departure for Bishkek

Budget.

Expense name	Units	Cost	Frequency	Subtotal	Likely funder
Air travel	20	600	1	12000	PWYP, NRGI, OSF offices in Eurasia
Hotel in Bishkek (9Sept)	20	60	1	1200	PWYP (grant to SFK)
Hotel in Issyk-Kul (3 meals included)	33	60	3	5940	OSF Kyrgyzstan
Meeting room rent (large	1	150	3	450	PWYP (grant to SFK)



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Stationary (flip charts, paper, pen)	33	5	1	165	PWYP (grant to SFK)
Coffee breaks	33	3	5	495	PWYP (grant to SFK)
Simultaneous translation	2	250	3	1500	PWYP (grant to SFK)
Translation equipment	1	150	3	450	PWYP (grant to SFK)
Visa fees	1	200	1	200	PWYP, NRG, OSF offices in Eurasia
Ground transportation (taxi)	20	20	2	800	PWYP (grant to SFK)
Ground transportation (bus)	1	250	2	500	PWYP (grant to SFK)
Meals in Bishkek	20	15	1	300	PWYP (grant to SFK)
Unforeseen costs	1	300	1	300	PWYP (grant to SFK)
Bank fees	1	400	1	400	PWYP (grant to SFK)
Total				24700	