

Terms of Reference — Open Energy Advisory and Steering Groups

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Scope

The Open Energy Advisory Groups (OEAGs) convene and combine individual expertise to help understand how the UK may better modernise energy data access. There are two Advisory Groups:

1. **Membership Advisory Group:** Consulting on the Membership contract, key policies, including conditions to participate, roles, responsibilities and liabilities, preemptive licence (at least in draft), funding model, ongoing governance;
2. **Delivery Advisory Group:** Consulting on the drafting of operational guidelines and understanding data production and usage. Feeding into the requirements for technical delivery of the Open Energy Governance Platform and the Energy Data Search to ensure they meet user needs. Alongside this, examining the day-to-day operational aspects of Open Energy including security and systems.

Sub-groups may be formed to address specific topics and issues as they emerge.

OEAGs include a wide range of subject matter experts representing a cross section of private and public players with a unique contribution to ensure that Open Energy is designed effectively for the benefit of society. Members of the OEAGs will act as a representative of their industry and not of their individual company or body. Expertise must be contributed as impartially as possible. It will join existing work and best practice (e.g. EDTF Data Best Practice Guidelines) with practical, testable examples to address data governance issues.

The purpose of the OEAGs are to provide expert input to the **MEDA Phase 3** programme convening industry & the public sector to deliver an Open Energy Standard comprising a Governance Platform and Energy Data Search capability, supported by a sustainable business model. This will be achieved through a collaborative approach, based on a clear understanding of end-user needs and energy sector requirements to meet these. The OEAGs recommendations will provide input into their design.

The objective is therefore to create an Open Energy Standard that is fit for purpose for the market that addresses social, economic and environmental needs. It must deliver cross-industry alignment on the approach, including clear use cases, a roadmap for future work that highlights gaps and opportunities, and provide recommended approaches and resolutions.

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The **Open Energy Steering Group** (OESG) oversees this work, providing a focal point for reporting, challenge function and sign-off of the Advisory Group recommendations. The OE Steering Group will be Co-Chaired by Icebreaker One, and participants include representatives from government, regulator, consumer bodies, trade association and Co-Chairs of the Membership and Delivery Advisory Groups. The OEAGs will be supported by a secretariat function coordinated by Icebreaker One.

This work will be as transparent and open as possible, including updates published on the Icebreaker One website, energydata.org.uk (and other sites as appropriate) on a regular basis under an open license (CC-BY). We will formally request your opt-in consent to be listed as a participant.

Advisory Group Goals

Advisory Group 1: Membership

Advisory Group agreement on the following:

- Draft membership contract
- Key policies - conditions for participation, roles, responsibilities and liabilities
- Draft preemptive license
- Funding model
- Requirements for OEGP and Energy Data search to ensure it meets end user and sector needs

Advisory Group 2: Delivery

Advisory Group agreement on the following:

- Operational guidelines
- Understanding data production, flows and usage
- Requirements for OEGP and Energy Data search to ensure it meets end user and sector needs
- Authorisation process and audit

Participant Commitment

Advisory and Steering Group members are expected to attend 5 meetings, prepare for these meetings ahead of time, and to help in the dissemination of the work to the MEDA communities. The MEDA Phase 3 programme runs from March to July 2021.

The time commitment for the Advisory Groups is 5 days in aggregate.

The time commitment for Advisory and Steering Group co-chairs is an additional 5 days (10 total). The time commitment for the Steering Group is 5 days in aggregate.

Vision, Mission, Values

Vision

Unlock the potential of an Open Energy Standard in the UK to modernise energy data access and interoperability, build an energy data ecosystem that works for everyone and accelerate our transition to Net Zero.

Mission

Deliver an Open Energy Standard through:

1. Creating a clear, trusted, impactful and detailed governance framework that enables government, businesses, consumers and 3rd party developers to understand the potential of open access to energy data in the UK.
2. Based around user needs and use cases, create detailed descriptions of the application of the framework in practice.
3. Delivery of Energy Data Search and Open Energy Governance Platform as industry-facing operational services.

Values

Openness

We will:

1. share our views and plans, and share knowledge as widely as possible;
2. solicit and listen to views from end users and stakeholders;
3. make our outputs available under an open license (e.g. CC-BY, OGL).

Expertise

We will:

1. bring our expertise to the discussion as individuals;
2. use our expertise to synthesise the views of others in constructive and forward-thinking proposals;
3. use good judgement to respect privacy and confidentiality.

Collaboration

We will:

1. support each other in discussion, in decisions, and in delivery;
2. constructively hold each other to account on our commitments;
3. ensure all voices are heard and considered carefully.