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4.7 Action Tools

The benefits of transparency can be maximized by the use of EITI data. From 223 EITI reports published by 37 countries up to February 2015, information has been collected by NRGi in specific datasets, that are publicly available¹. These classify data according to countries and projects, providing also a summary and list of sources used for production volumes, commodity prices and macroeconomic and social indicators.

The datasets are accompanied by visualization tools. These assist in placing extractive industry revenues in perspective across countries and years. They might, for example, compare extractive revenues with total government revenues, with the estimated value of production and with the government's overall spending on health, education and aid receipts.

As mandatory reporting legislation takes effect in Europe, Canada and the United States, the volume of this data will increase significantly and will require the development of similar tools for this to be effective in achieving the benefits that transparency can bring to global governance in the extractive sector.

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¹ NRGi website (2015): *Dataset: Unlocking EITI Data for Meaningful Reform*, available at <https://eiti.org/event/unlocking-eiti-data-meaningful-reforms> (last accessed 7 March 2016).