# Publishing IATI data for Team Europe Initiatives (TEI)

Draft guidance

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| In the IATI standard, using the **tag** field to indicate a link to a Team Europe Initiative will enable precision and confidence.  To do this, Team Europe[[1]](#footnote-1) reporters will be able to access a “code list” of all the TEIs.  This paper provides guidance on the methodology to tag an IATI activity, alongside some Frequently Asked Questions. |

## Overview

This document provides guidance for publishers of IATI data, in terms of how to flag and identify activities that are linked to Team Europe Initiatives (TEIs).

## IATI activities & TEIs

Organisations that publish IATI data do so principally through the units known as *activities*. An activity can represent various different units of aid, including a specific contract, project or a wide programme.

TEIs can be considered as a *collection* of activities, from a range of different actors, sharing a common goal and purpose. These can be new or pre-existing activities, dedicated to a specific TEI and its Joint Intervention Logic.

A core component of any IATI activity is financial data, including the amount of money that has been committed and spent to date.

A key metric for understanding the progress of any TEI is also financial data. Hence, IATI activities, and their associated transactions, can be of *assistance* to comprehending the fiscal progress of TEIs, alongside other sources.

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## Flagging IATI activities for a TEI: using the IATI tag

Any IATI activity will usually have a range of classifications and codes in place to indicate its modality, scope, geography and sectoral themes.

The IATI standard has a data field called **tag**, which enables for inclusion of *non-statistical* classifications in any activity. For the purposes of the TEIs, the principal way to relate any IATI activity will be through use of the tag.

## Tag vocabularies

The IATI standard allows for organisations to include a tag in two ways:

* Using tags that are already on a published and shared list
* Using tags that are internal to the publishing organisation

In both these cases, the IATI publisher must declare a vocabulary from which the tag is drawn. For internal tags a 99 (or 98) vocabulary is used. For shared vocabularies, a dedicated number is assigned by the IATI secretariat.

In the case of the TEIs, a shared vocabulary will be employed, so that Team Europe reporters can have commonality. Hence, a list of TEI tags will be published and made available via the [IATI Tag Vocabulary Codelist](https://codelists.codeforiati.org/TagVocabulary/). It is likely that the TEI code list would be identified through the next-available vocabulary code number: 4.

## The TEI code list

To assist Team Europe reporters, a list of all TEIs will be published.

This list is the **comprehensive** and **authoritative** source on all TEIs and is being managed by the European Commission (EC).

Each entry on this code list includes the following:

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| **Data field** | **Purpose** | **Example** |
| **Code** | Unique code for this TEI | TEI048 |
| **Title EN** | Title of this TEI in English | Green Deal — Renewable energy and sustainable energy |
| **Title FR** | Title of this TEI in French | Accord vert - Énergies renouvelables et énergie durable |
| **Recipient regions/countries** | Recipient of this TEI | Madagascar |

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## What data needs to be included in an IATI tag?

The tag is a dedicated field in the IATI standard.

To tag an activity as relevant to a TEI, the following should be included:

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| **Data field** | **Example** | **Requirement** |
| **Tag code** | TEI048 | Required |
| **Tag vocabulary** | 4 (the likely vocabulary that will be reserved for the TEIs) | Required |
| **Tag name** | Green Deal — Renewable energy and sustainable energy | *Optional* |

In IATI data, organisations MUST include the **code** and **vocabulary** as a minimum, when using the tag field. It is not mandatory to include the name in IATI data, as the code in itself will support data users.

## Accessing IATI activities with the TEI tag

When the TEI tag is added to IATI activities, there will be two main ways to search, identify and use this data.

* Using d-portal. The advanced search function enables a filter by specific tag vocabularies - meaning the TEI vocabulary will be directly part of the queries
* The IATI datastore also allows for direct query, for those needing the raw XML, or spreadsheet, formats

## What happens when new TEIs are established?

These will be added to the TEI code list in a timely manner and announced to all stakeholders.

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## Generic TEI code (TEI000)

Alongside the specific TEI codes for individual TEIs, a generic TEI code - TEI000 - will also be available on the code list.

This code should be used when a Team Europe reporter’s system or process producing the IATI data cannot support different values or when they prefer for another reason to keep their TEI reporting overall or their reporting on a given activity more general.

## Multiple TEIs for one IATI activity

In some cases, it may be relevant that a single IATI activity is applicable to more than one TEI. In those cases, in order to avoid double-counting of contributions to TEIs, organisations should still only report one TEI code in the tag field – this can be the code of the most relevant TEI or the generic TEI code. If they would like to mention the codes of all the specific TEIs that this activity is contributing to, the organisations can optionally enter the relevant information as free text into the activity description (see also below). Another possibility applicable to more complex IATI activities would be to break them down in the reporting in order to create one-to-one mappings between the IATI activities and the TEIs.

## Adding a tag to a financial transaction

Currently, the tag field is only supported at the activity level in the IATI standard, meaning it cannot be applied to specific transactions.

## Supplementing with free text

It is also *encouraged* that Team Europe reporters use the narrative fields in any IATI activity to expand upon and explain the relationship with any TEIs. These include:

* Activity title
* Activity description
* Transaction description

Adding this information will support Team Europe colleagues to understand in more detail the relationship between the IATI activities and the TEIs. However, this MUST always be supported through use of the tag field, to make the formal linkage.

# Technical guidance

Using the IATI tag element for Team Europe Initiative (TEI) flagging

## IATI tag elements and attributes

In using the tag element in IATI XML, the code and vocabulary attributes must be present.

In the IATI format - XML - this would be:

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| <**tag** code="TEI048" vocabulary="4" /> |

The narrative sub-element, i.e. the tag name, is optional, and is not required to transmit any meaning, as the TEI code list will carry such information. However, this can also be included:

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| <**tag** code="TEI048" vocabulary="4">  <**narrative**>Madagascar Green Deal</**narrative**> </**tag**> |

## Usage

The TEI tag element can be used alongside other vocabularies.

Example of an IATI activity with both TEI and UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) tags (note that the vocabulary numbering does not imply ordering):

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| <**tag** code="TEI048" vocabulary="4" /> <**tag** code="10" vocabulary="2" /> |

1. Team Europe consists of the European Commission, the EU Member States — including their implementing agencies and public development banks — as well as the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)