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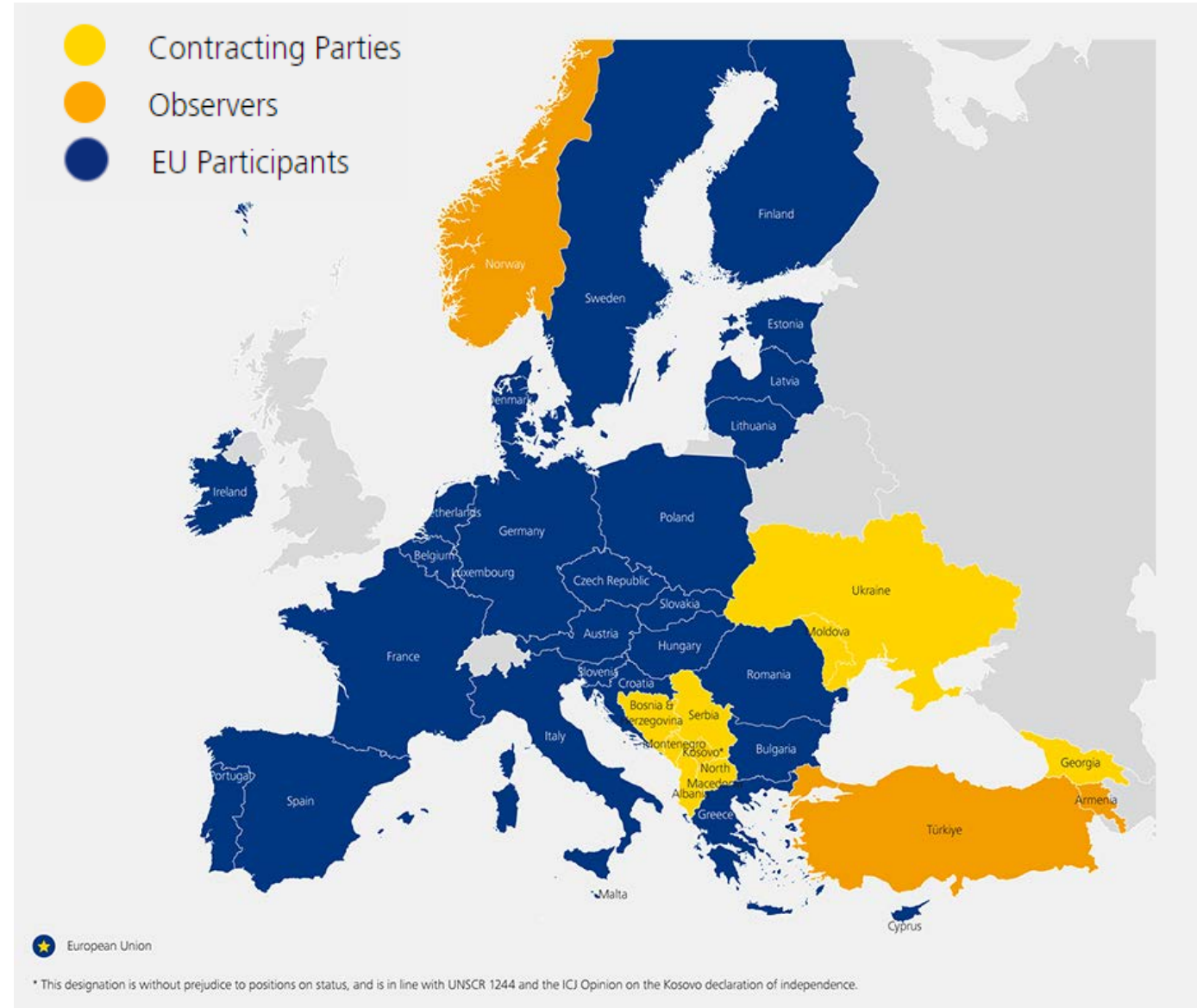
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Aim of the Service

Assessment of the environmental impact assessment (EIA) and permit-granting procedures for energy projects (with a focus on renewable energy projects (RE)), in each of the Contracting Parties (CP) of the Energy Community (EnC)



Task 1

Development of a specific questionnaire for each of the main stakeholder group (government, business sector, civil society) in order to gather input information on the practical implementation of the EIA and the permit-granting procedures for energy projects, with a focus on renewable energy projects.



Task 1

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) permit-related procedures

- Number of projects made subject to an EIA per energy project categories set out in- Annexes I and II of the EIA Directive (excluding nuclear energy), focusing on renewable energy;
- number of energy projects made subject to a determination in accordance with Article 4(2) as refers to energy projects listed in Annex II of the EIA Directive (excluding nuclear energy) and focusing on renewable energy;
- average duration of the EIA process (each phase of the process, including the issuing of the development consent/s and other relevant permits) and the factors that cause the most significant delays including assessment of the complexity of administrative authorisations;
- identification of gaps in legal implementation that delay or halt the proper EIA permit-related procedures (e.g. lack of secondary legislation);
- staffing and skilling of permitting authorities;
- practices for streamlining of the EIA permit-related procedures with other environmental assessment procedures and permits

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Permit-granting processes regarding renewable energy including repowering projects and renewable energy self-consumption projects

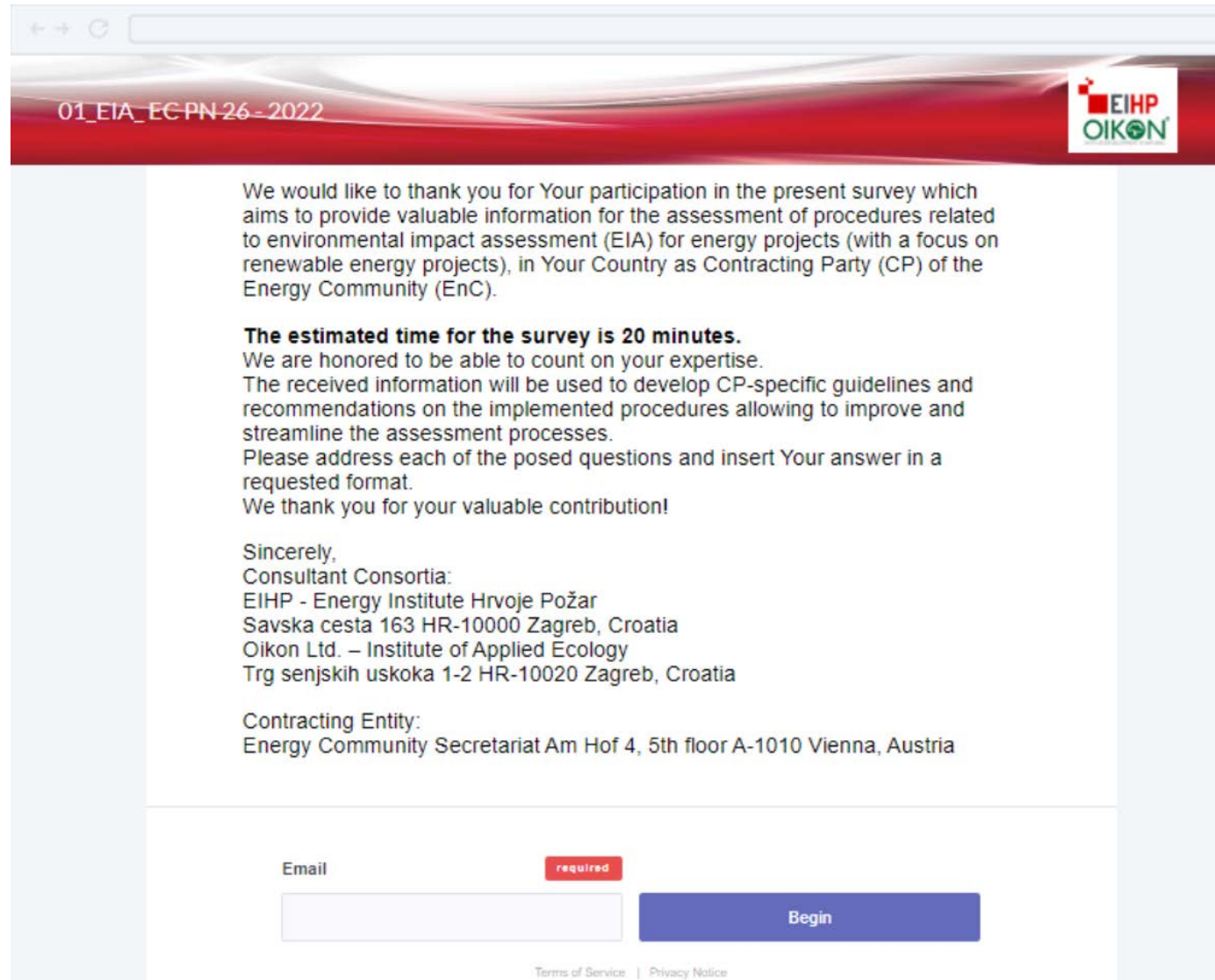
- Legislative, regulatory and other obstacles in all permit-granting processes;
- average duration of issuance of each permit and the factors that cause the most significant delays;
- identification of gaps in legal implementation that delay or halt the permit-related procedures (e.g. lack of secondary legislation);
- average direct costs of issuance of certain permit;
- staffing and skilling of permitting authorities;
- obstacles related to grid connection of renewable energy projects

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Planning of spatial zones on a national level (in each EnC CP) as regards renewable energy projects

- Processes (criteria and methodology) and their average duration for site selection and planning of land/sea space use for specific renewable energy projects;
- strategic environmental assessment conducted and average duration of the procedure;
- legislative and implementation gaps that delay or halt the developing of zone layering for specific renewable energy projects);
- average direct costs of issuance of certain permit;
- potential obstacles in the adoption/execution of land/sea zone layering space use for specific renewable energy projects

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We would like to thank you for Your participation in the present survey which aims to provide valuable information for the assessment of procedures related to environmental impact assessment (EIA) for energy projects (with a focus on renewable energy projects), in Your Country as Contracting Party (CP) of the Energy Community (EnC).

The estimated time for the survey is 20 minutes.
We are honored to be able to count on your expertise.
The received information will be used to develop CP-specific guidelines and recommendations on the implemented procedures allowing to improve and streamline the assessment processes.
Please address each of the posed questions and insert Your answer in a requested format.
We thank you for your valuable contribution!

Sincerely,
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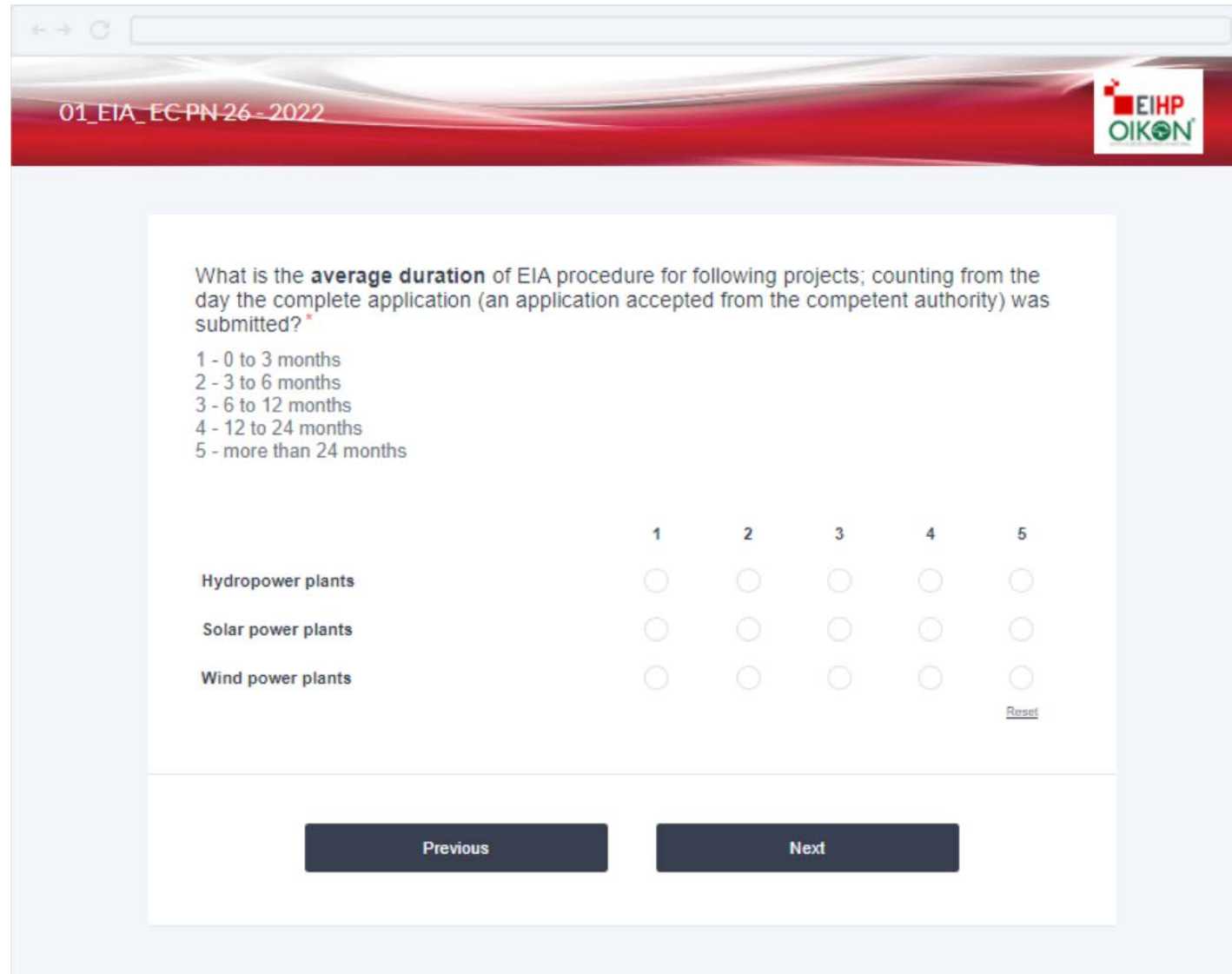
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What is the **average duration** of EIA procedure for following projects; counting from the day the complete application (an application accepted from the competent authority) was submitted? *

1 - 0 to 3 months
2 - 3 to 6 months
3 - 6 to 12 months
4 - 12 to 24 months
5 - more than 24 months

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Expected results

Gathering of filled in
questionnaire providing quality
input data from each
stakeholder group



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