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# PUBLIC PROCUREMENT OF WIND ENERGY PROJECTS LESSONS LEARNED



# Perspective of Presentation

## KEY VANTAGE POINTS:

- Point of view of Government of ..., or its national utility
- What the TTL can do in terms of regulatory framework, stuff the Transaction Advisor will take as a fact
- Primarily about procurement of IPP/BOO projects, not EPC



- ... i.e. not about how to build a wind farm (the developer/bidder does that in a BOO project)
- ... but about how to make successful wind IPP projects i.e. obtain minimum tariff and minimum risk

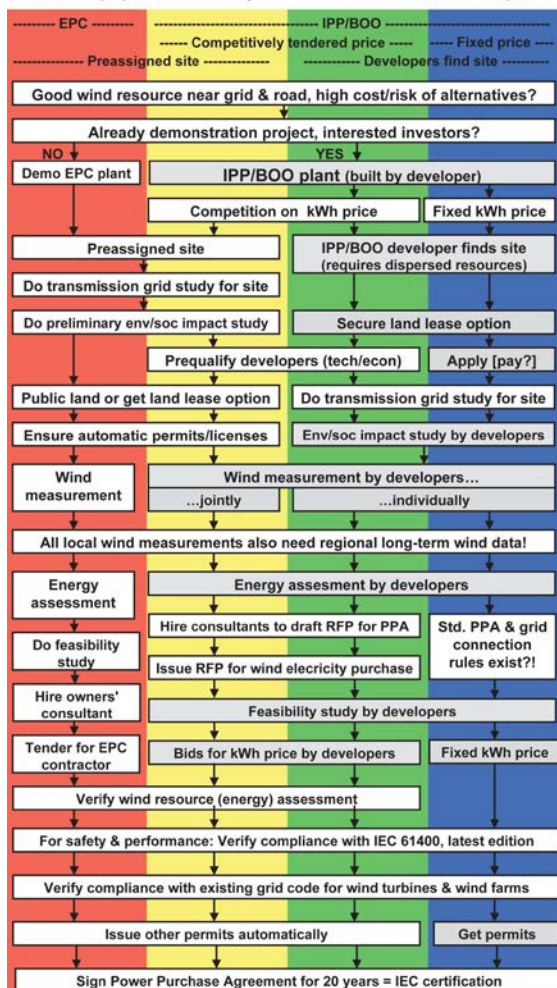
# Public Procurement of Wind Energy Programs

## PRESENTATION CONTENT

- RE policy considerations
- Choice of procurement model & tariff scheme interlinked
- Tariff scheme affects capacity factor & grid use
- Key steps in procurement process depending on scheme
- Essential technical requirements for IPPs
- Importance of Environmental and Social Impact Assessments
- Local content requirement issues

## Roadmap variants: (white – govt. action) (grey – developer action)

Roadmap (»to do« List) for Governments/Developers



- Who does what steps...  
i.e. government or developer?  
...depends on  
tariff scheme & siting scheme  
and their interaction
- 1 EPC (demo project) – red
- 2 Competitive tenders on  
preselected sites – yellow
- 3 Competitive tenders on sites  
found by developers – green
- 4 Feed-in tariff schemes – blue
- 5 Negotiated deals (depends...)

# Roadmap («to do« List) for Governments 1

Good wind resource near grid & road, high cost/risk of alternatives?

Already demonstration project, interested investors?

NO

Demo EPC plant

Preassigned site

Denmark  
Egypt  
Germany  
Mexico

Québec  
Syria  
Thailand  
Yemen

YES

IPP/BOO plant (built by developer)

Competition on kWh price

Denmark offshore  
Egypt  
Mexico

Syria  
Yemen

IPP/BOO developer finds site  
(requires dispersed resources)

Egypt  
Mexico  
Ontario  
Québec

Fixed \$/kWh formula

Denmark onshore  
Egypt  
Germany

Ontario

Thailand  
Kenya, Vietnam

# Choice of Tariff Scheme in a Developing Country

## IMPORTANT POLICY CONSIDERATIONS PART 1

### Competitive Bidding

Market determines price

... minimizes rent (no windfall profits for developers)

... allows choice between pre-selected or dev. selected sites

... allows transmission planning & optimization (MA, QC examples)

... not a problem who pays for transmission and other elements

... transparent scheme, no need for special tax incentives etc.

### Feed-in Tariff (FIT)

Market determines MW volume

... hard to estimate efficient pricing model in advance

... developers select sites, not suitable w/concentrated resource

... puts pressure on transmission planning, grid congestion queue?

... must plan who pays for any cost element including grid

... incentives important, zoning issues critical, corruption prone

# Choice of Tariff Scheme in a Developing Country

## IMPORTANT POLICY CONSIDERATIONS PART 2

### Competitive Bidding 2

... incomplete regulation (e.g. grid code) can be solved ad hoc by »regulation by contract«

... public land lease can be integrated in process and can be non-exclusive (QC example)

... permitting process (must be) integrated in RFP and quasi-automatic

... MW volume is controlled

### Feed-in Tariff (FIT) 2

... requires complete and transparent regulatory scheme

... competition for scarce physical resources (transmission grid, public land leases)

... competition for regulatory resources (permits) –resource lock-up by unqualified bidders

... if tariff scheme is profitable queuing or quasi-market rationing develops

# Choice of Tariff Scheme

## IMPORTANT POLICY CONSIDERATIONS PART 3

### Predetermined sites

- Stepwise development, no prior experience with wind IPP
- Control volume and transmission grid expansion
- Wind resources well mapped and good resources highly concentrated (e.g. Egypt)
- Requires thorough pre-development, i.e. preliminary resource measurements, site selection, ESIA, logistics survey
- Often used to separate markets

### Developers find sites

- Prior experience with wind IPPs, regulatory framework OK
- Transmission grid planning & costing procedure in place
- Wind resource large and dispersed
- Developers take care of pre-development, sufficient regulatory & administrative capacity available
- Open to all qualified developers



# Standard Tariff Scheme in Wind PPAs

## APPLIES TO ALL TARIFF SYSTEM TYPES

- 20 year term (certified technical lifetime)
- Payment for energy only, (even if no variable costs!)
- Hard currency unless local long-term capital market
- Single tariff (regardless of peak/off-peak)
- No indexation, except for O&M  
(local wages + imported spare parts)
- Priority dispatch, i.e. take-or-pay contract
- Compensate generator fully for planned as well as unplanned grid interruption
- If predetermined site, compensate for unplanned...  
... EIA issues, e.g. birds (change of law)  
... upstream »wind theft«

# Tariff Schemes and Bid Criteria Create Incentives

TARIFF DETERMINES OPTIMAL CAPACITY FACTOR & EFFICIENCY OF TRANSMISSION GRID USE

**Table 1. Wind Energy Royalty Scheme (Nominal Rules)**

Full load hours/year MWh/MW/year	= Capacity factor MWh/MW/8760	Marginal royalty rate for tranche	Maximum cumulative royalty at top end of interval Full load hours/year
< 2500	<28.5%	0%	0
2500-3000	28.5%-34%	10%	50
3000-3500	34%-40%	20%	150
3500-4000	40%-45.7%	40%	350
4000-4500	45.7%-51.4%	60%	650
>4500	>51.4%	80%	...

**Table 3. Wind Turbine Selection for a Site in an IPP/BOO tender <sup>8</sup>**

Type	kW	Rotor diam m	Hub height m	MWh/year	Full load hours MWh/MW	Capacity factor MWh/MW/8760	Turbine price M EGP	Project investment M EGP	Investment EGP/MWh/yr
V90-3.000	3000	90	80	7,088.58	2,363	27.0%	18.5	22.2	3,132
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V112-3.000	3000	112	94	10,383.68	3,461	39.5%	27.2	32.64	3,143
<b>V90-1.800</b>	<b>1800</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>6,046.65</b>	<b>3,359</b>	<b>38.3%</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>3,076</b>

**Table 4. Wind Turbine Selection for a Site Under Royalty Scheme**

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# General Approach to Technical Requirements

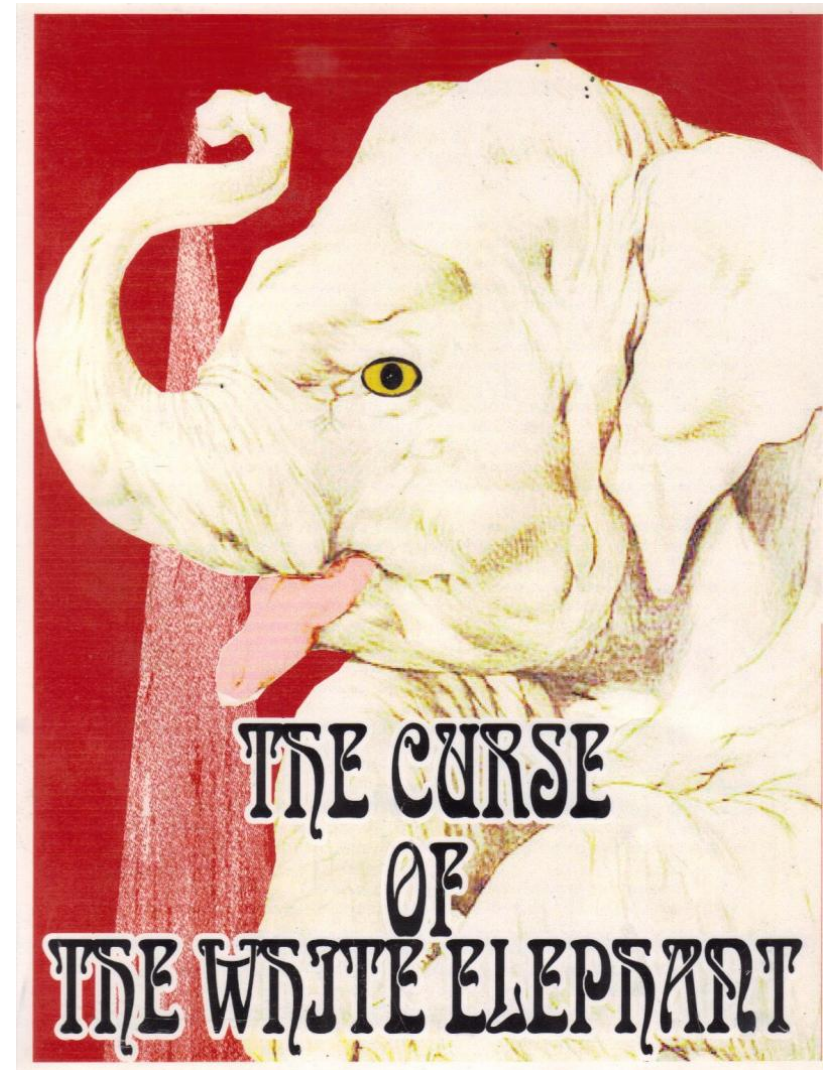
GENERAL POLICY CONSIDERATIONS — REGARDLESS OF TYPE OF IPP/BOO SCHEME

## Minimize technical requirements

- Experienced developers know how to build wind farms efficiently

## Use wind industry best practice standards

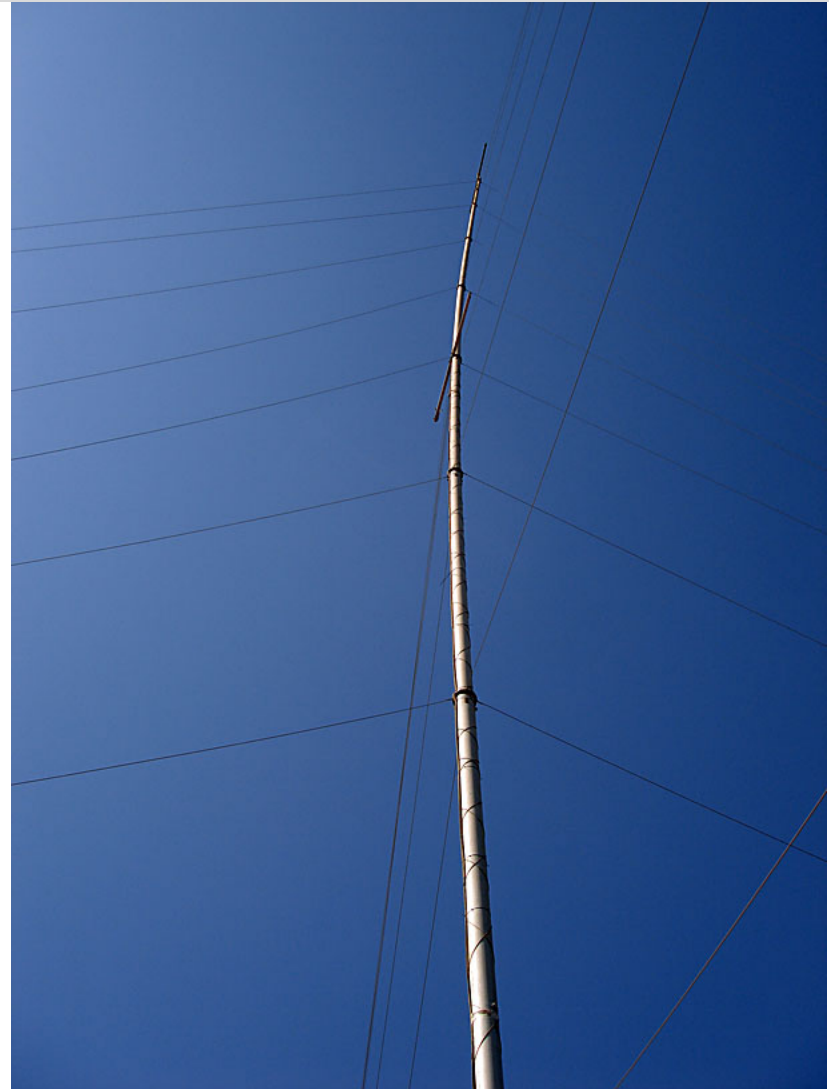
- Don't apply loose norms to attract competition; serious developers & manufacturers are attracted by solid norms that keep out non-serious actors





# Technical Problem Example: Improper O&M

MET MAST WITH LOOSE GUY WIRES & TILTED ANEMOMETERS, AL MOKHA, YEMEN



# Wind Resource Assessment Requirements

## ESSENTIAL TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS TO REDUCE PROJECT RISK

- Wind Resource Risk must be carried by the developer, in order to incentivize efficient site selection, site layout, technology choice, and proper O&M
- Very limited scope for government or RFP employer to measure site wind resource (but plenty of scope for long-term regional measurements by government)
- Demand bankable measurements, i.e. instruments mounted in accordance with IEC 61400-12-1, MEASNET calibrated First Class instruments with redundancy, post campaign calibration, 95% data recovery, cellular or satellite data collection, full mast documentation & O&M history log, verification by accredited consultant, WAsP software modeling, experienced modeler...
  - + Sufficient duration depending on long-term data quality & number of masts depending on site topography complexity. Need WB standard TOR!



# Correct Meteorology Mast Example

80 M METEOROLOGY MAST WITH SATELLITE COMMUNICATION, GULF OF SUEZ , EGYPT





# Turbine Technology Requirements: No Prototypes

## ESSENTIAL TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS TO REDUCE PROJECT, HEALTH & SAFETY RISKS

- Turbines must be fully production certified by an accredited entity in accordance with IEC 61400-1 latest edition as fit for purpose in the site environment
- Turbine must be certified to meet known climate requirements that exceed the standard classes, e.g. fully operational at ambient temperatures of 45°C or -30°C, at mean wind speeds above class I, typhoons, earthquakes
- Turbine model must have been used in at least two commercial wind farms of at least 20 MW each for at least 1-2 years with an availability rate of at least 95%
- Turbine must be compliant with grid code requirements (from major markets, say, Germany , Spain, Denmark)



# Turbine Certification Requirement Example

DUST PROTECTION, AIR-CONDITIONED KIOSK FOR ELECTRONICS (MAX 45°C), EGYPT



# Wind Farm Performance Requirement Examples

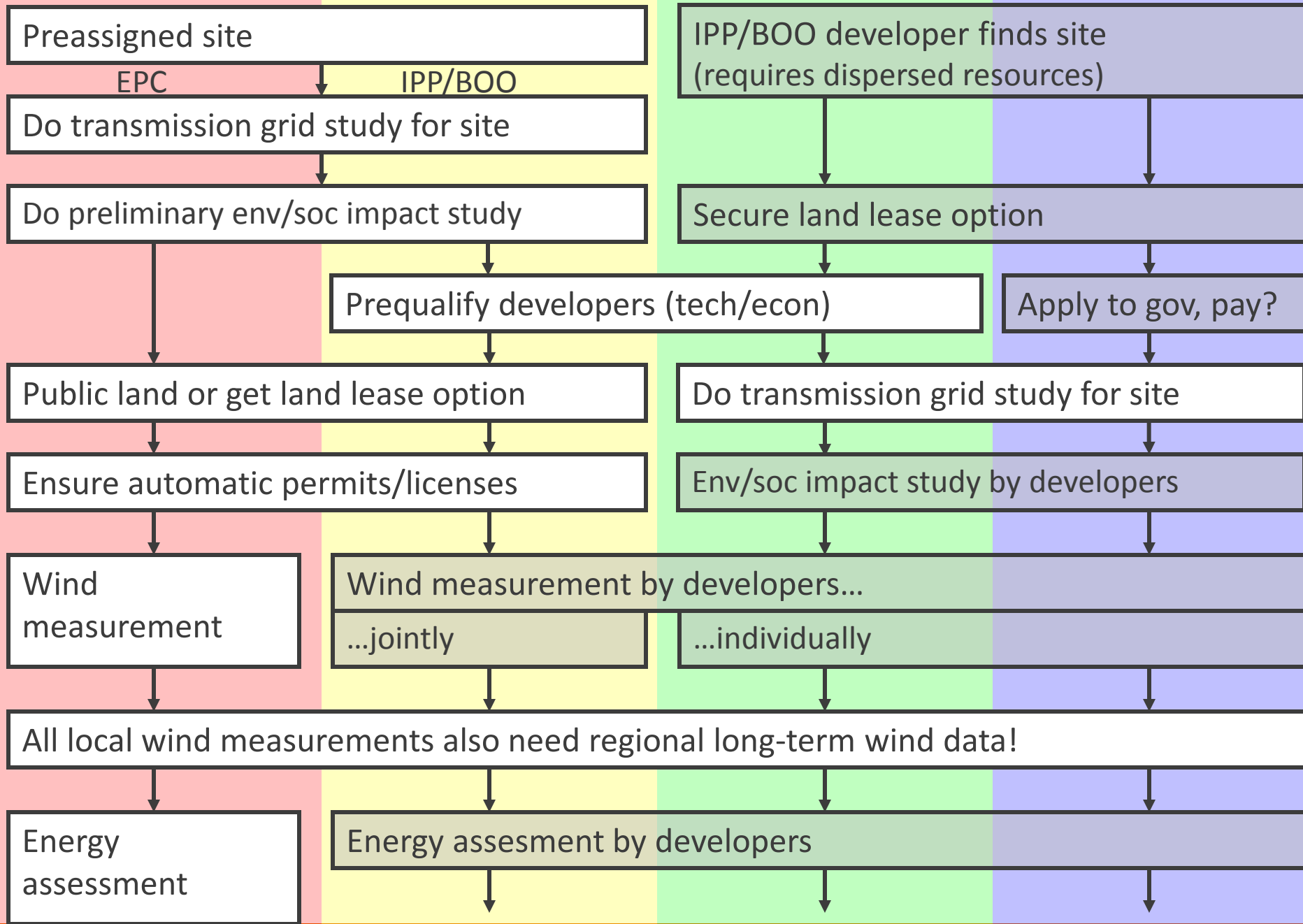
## ESSENTIAL TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS TO REDUCE PROJECT RISK AND STABILIZE GRID

- Guaranteed availability  
(SCADA access to all turbines to know availability rate)
- Guaranteed wind farm power curve  
(Upstream meteorology mast to verify performance)

...both sanctioned by liquidated damages

- Maximum ramp rate, e.g. 10 MW/min
- Ability to curtail production 0-100% by remote control
- Grid code requirements, e.g. fault ride through, voltage, frequency, reactive power control, harmonics

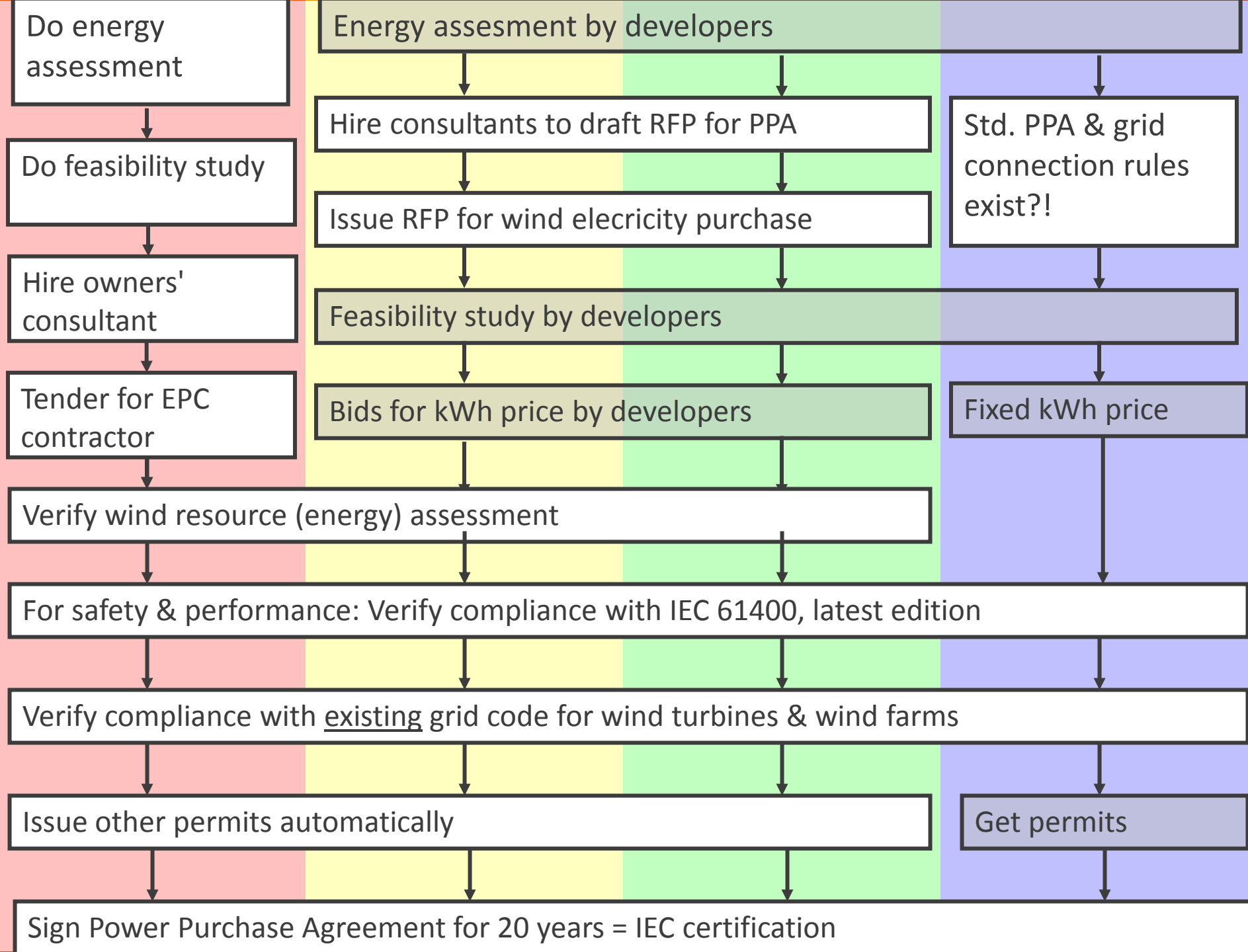
# Roadmap («to do« List) for Governments 2



# Examples of Importance of ESIA Before Bidding

## FOR COMPETITIVELY TENDERED PROJECTS ON PRESELECTED SITES

- Property rights and localization of residences must be determined before bidding.  
... if not: Project had to be moved after winning bidder had been selected.
- Full bird study (both spring and autumn) with operational recommendations (turbine free zones, bird corridors, shutdown on demand) required – if in critical zone.  
... if not: Bids were not comparable since bidders planned siting differently and accounted differently for expected energy losses. Rebid required.



# Local Content Requirements

## TYPICAL ISSUES – WHY IT RARELY HAPPENS (EXCEPT IN MOROCCO NOW)

- All countries want to do this – and base it on exports(!)
- Requires a critical mass of about 1000 MW
- Requires that all orders go to a single manufacturer
- Requires a stable, long pipeline of orders, min. 5 years
- Time horizon beyond 2-3 years requires bid price indexation
- Rotor blades: Require specialized equipment, raw materials imported.
- Forget generators and gearboxes (regional volume needed)
- ISO 9000 series certification of supply chain required
- Foundations, roads, electrical works: Locally procured anyway
- Towers: Economic to manufacture locally anyway (>100 MW)



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