



Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

What is the OECD?

- An Organisation of 30 member countries committed to democracy and the market economy
- A provider of comparative data, analysis and forecasts
- so that governments can:
 - compare policy experiences
 - seek answers to common problems
 - identify good practice
 - co-ordinate policies

An organisation with global reach



Working with countries around the world

The OECD's mission

Article 1 of the OECD Convention:

- Support economic growth
- Boost employment
- Raise living standards
- Maintain financial stability
- Assist other countries' economic development
- Contribute to growth in world trade

Our environment

- **Make markets work for a healthier environment**
- **Use science and technology to benefit people everywhere**
- **Cut wastage and pollution**

Economics and trade

- Analyse and publish comparative data
- Produce forecasts
- Develop policies for growth and stability
- Foster open markets
- Encourage expansion of financial services
- Promote cross-border investment
- Share best practices

Social cohesion

- Ensure equal access to education for all
- Promote effective and accessible health systems
- Fight social exclusion and unemployment
- Bridge the “digital divide” between rich and poor

Governance

- Promote effective public administration
- Encourage companies to run their affairs better
- Ensure transparent and fair tax systems
- Foster fair competition
- Fight corruption and money-laundering
- Promote high ethical standards
- Encourage citizen-participation in policy-making

OECD's way of working

Data Collection

Analysis

Discussion

Decisions

Implementation

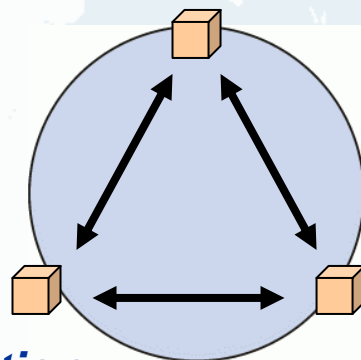
Peer reviews,
multilateral surveillance

Who drives the OECD's work?

Council

Oversight and strategic direction

Representatives of member countries and of the European Commission; decisions taken by consensus



Committees

Discussion and implementation

Representatives of member countries and of invited non-Members work with the OECD Secretariat on specific issues

Secretariat

Analysis and proposals

Secretary-General
Deputy Secretaries-General
Directorates

Annual budget: 336 million euros funded by member countries

The OECD Secretariat

- Two official languages: English and French
- Staff members are international civil servants
- No quota system for national representation
- 2300 staff at Paris headquarter

Working with governments

- **Sharing information and experience**
- **Country and region-based co-operation programmes**
- **Peer review and surveillance**

Working with civil society

- Consulting with business
represented by the Business and Industry Advisory Committee
- Consulting with labour
represented by the Trade Union Advisory Committee
- Expanding relations with civil society
- Making information available to the public on www.oecd.org
- Public comment always welcome!

Some OECD achievements

- **Anti-Bribery Convention**
- **Polluter-Pays Principle (PPP)**
- **Principles of Corporate Governance**
- **Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises**
- **Anti-spam Task force**
- **Co-operation programmes with China, Russia and Brazil**
- **MENA Initiative on Governance and Investment for Development in the Middle East and North Africa**
- **Export Credit Arrangement**
- **Model Tax Convention**

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- Visit: www.oecd.org
- References mentioned in the presentation:
www.oecd.org/powerpointreferences
- News reports on **CNN World Report**