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Budget Practices and Procedures

Purpose

Database of Budget Practices and Procedures from 60 countries or more, including the 30 OECD Member countries. The database will provide a unique and comprehensive resource for government practitioners, parliaments, academics, and non-government organisations - providing these groups with well-informed analysis, and enable them to compare and contrast national practices.

The outline of the survey presents: Budget Formulation; Budget Execution; Accounting, Control and Monitoring Systems; Budget Documentation and Performance Management; Fiscal Relations Among Levels of Government; and Special Relationships/Issues.

Objectives and outputs

The database of Budget Practices and Procedures will be published on the OECD and World Bank Internet web sites by mid 2003. The OECD intends to maintain the data over time; since this is a first effort we expect a major revision of the survey for the next update. After this initial revision, the questions will remain the same over time to ensure comparability. We anticipate that the schedule for updates will be every two years.

Main Developments for 2003

General aspects:

New activity

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Official Statistics for E-government Policies

Purpose

To evaluate as official statistics can support and facilitate the design and the implementation of e-government policies at national level.

Objectives and outputs

Almost all OECD countries launched e-government strategies to innovate the way in which public administrations work and provide services to citizens. Statistics can play a fundamental role in providing guidance and support to design and implement such strategies. Areas in which statistics is relevant are: dissemination of information about facts and trends in the economy, the environment and the society; exchange of data among public administrations based on common metadata; compilation of statistics based on administrative sources; protection of confidentiality.

The main objective of the initiative is to identify recommendations in this area based on good practices already existing in OECD countries.

Main Developments for 2003

General aspects:

A workshop will be organised to compare current practices and strategic plans identified in OECD countries, from which recommendations will be prepared.

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Public Sector Employment

Purpose

The purpose of the Public Management Database for Employment is to collect statistical aggregate data concerning public employment trends at the local, central and regional levels. Data is also presented by Ministry, Agency, Gender, Age, Responsibility Level. The data is collected on an annual basis by means of a questionnaire sent to Member countries. Data series are available from 1985.

Objectives and outputs

The objective of the database is to support comparative analysis of the public sector employment and its management. A set of data on the size and structure of employment in general government is being developed, to yield more international comparability than is currently possible. By consulting all OECD Member countries, an analysis has been carried out of a range of concepts, definitions and data collection procedures. On this basis, a method for generating the desired data has been set up and successively applied to an increasing number of countries.

The data is assembled on an annual basis in order to determine the main indicators and gain a comprehensive overview of the evolution of the Public Sector. The data is analysed and the findings are disseminated in the form of an official OECD document and are also made available on the PUMA website. In addition, specific analyses are produced more generally in PUMA work for example, statistical results made available in the PUMA Newsletter, Focus. The database provides the answers to multiple requests from government officials in Member countries.

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Main Developments for 2003

General aspects:

The questionnaire sent to member countries for 2003 requests the same data as the 2002 questionnaire.

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Public Sector Pay and Salaries

Purpose

The purpose of the Public Management Database for Pay and Salaries is to collect statistical aggregate data concerning public sector wages, compensation costs, pay levels and pay changes in OECD countries.

The data is collected on an annual basis by means of a questionnaire sent to Member countries. Data series are available from 1985.

Objectives and outputs

The objective of the data base is to assemble statistical data regarding Public Sector Pay and Salaries on an annual basis, in order to determine the main indicators and gain a comprehensive overview of the evolution of public sector pay and salaries in OECD Member countries. The data is analysed and the findings are disseminated in the form of an official OECD document and are also made available on the PUMA website. In addition, specific analyses are produced more generally in PUMA work for example, statistical results made available in the PUMA Newsletter, Focus. The database provides the answers to multiple requests from government officials in Member countries.

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Main Developments for 2003

General aspects:

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