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Regional Statistics and Indicators

Purpose

To provide an internationally comparable database for the analysis of sub-national socio-economic trends.

Objectives and outputs

The main objective is to provide an internationally comparable database for the analysis of relevant socio-economic trends at the sub-national level. The database includes basic statistics on five major topics (demography, economy, labour market, society and innovation) covering 1679 regions across the OECD.

Regional statistics and indicators are regularly (every second year) published in "OECD Regions at a Glance".

The main achievements for the year 2007 include:

- First annual questionnaire for data collection returned to the secretariat (the second annual questionnaire is expected to be returned by February 2008);
- Dissemination of part of the Regional Database through OECD.Stat;
- New data collection: innovation indicators at the regional level;
- Improvements in data quality (time series extension, improvement of metadata).

Non-member countries involved in the activity:

Chile, China, Morocco

Main Developments for 2008

General aspects:

The main objectives for the year 2008 are to:

- further enrich the regional database with the collection of additional indicators regarding supply, cost and accessibility of public services (such as health and education –and standard in local public service delivery;
- make available to the public the 2007 data collection on innovation indicators;
- improve the way regional statistics are disseminated on the OECD external web-site and make all the series available on OECD.Stat together with their improved metadata;
- implement a more sophisticated system of data checking.