

# OECD Observatory of Public Sector Innovation

*The aim of the Observatory is to develop knowledge and promote a better understanding of how the public sector can innovate for more responsive, efficient public services.*



## What is the Observatory of Public Sector Innovation?

The Observatory is a unique platform open to OECD countries and beyond to systematically collect, categorise, analyse and share innovative country practices in the public sector.

The Observatory responds to today's public sector organisations need to cope with both increasing and diversified demands in a context of budgetary constraints.

The Observatory intends to fill the knowledge gaps on how countries conceptualise, promote and implement innovative approaches. It will build up common definitions of what innovation means for public sector organisations, and distil guidance for decision-makers on how to make innovations work.

## What will it do?

1. Map innovative practices: collect and analyse examples of implemented innovations in the public sector;
2. Assess results: collect, analyse and develop methodologies for cost-benefit analysis of innovative practices; and
3. Promote innovative practices: collect and analyse government frameworks and tools to promote innovation.

## Who participates in the Observatory?

The Observatory will bring together a wide range of actors with an interest in public sector innovation to share experiences and learn from each other.

Foremost are officials from national administrators who face the challenge of how to identify, promote and implement effective innovation everyday. The Observatory Task Force – composed of government officials – will provide leadership and guidance to the project.

Significant expertise on public sector innovation exists beyond governments. An Associate Group composed of actors from civil society, academia and the private sector with an interest or experience in public sector innovation will enable the Observatory to access this expertise.

## What happens next?

The initial outputs of the Observatory – mapping innovations, assessing results and analysis of how to promote innovation will take place between now and 2014. In the immediate term, over 2012 outputs will include:

- Develop and pilot an analytical framework to collect innovative practices from countries;
- Collect, analyse and publish a policy paper on strategies for innovation in public service delivery in a context of fiscal constraints;
- Design an online platform providing access to a database of categorised country innovations;
- Set up a Task Force for government officials to provide leadership and guidance to the Observatory. The Task Force will meet to kick-off the project in February 2012; and
- Engage civil society, academia and the private sector in the Observatory's activities through the creation of an Associate Group.

## How can I participate?

Officials from national administrations can join the Task Force that will provide leadership and guidance to the Observatory, and access to national networks and expertise.

Actors from civil society, academia and the private sector can provide expertise to the Observatory through individual engagement or by participating in the Associate Group.

## Further information

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