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Comparison of Employment and Costs in the Public Domain

Purpose

To assemble statistical data regarding employment in the public sector and in the "public domain", by taking into account different kinds of organisations (also public enterprises or private organisations financed by public funds), comparing them with the costs of production of the General Government Sector, in order to elaborate the main indicators and to gain a comprehensive overview of the evolution of the public sector.

Objectives and outputs

To update the 2008 publications on "The State of the Public Service" and "Employment in the public domain in the perspective of the production costs of goods and services in the public domain".

Databases

Public Sector Employment, Pay and Salaries

Main Developments for 2009

General aspects:

More countries, more detailed information.

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E-Government-2009

Purpose

To help strengthen statistical capacity in support to the e-government project areas of work and to the preparation of the e-government peer reviews.

Objectives and outputs

The objective of the activity is to support the statistical analysis in the area of e-government statistics, monitoring and evaluating e-government and the business case for e-government, in particular:

- Gather data supporting the OECD e-government peer review framework (challenges, leadership, implementation, collaboration frameworks, and outputs and outcomes);
- Support countries' evolving reform efforts in key areas: user-focused innovation and service design;
- Develop a basic set of OECD e-government indicators as part of the ongoing work on the publication Government at a Glance.

Databases

OECD E-government Database

Main Developments for 2009

General aspects:

The work in 2009 will focus on developing and getting approval of a basic set of e-government indicators in close dialogue with the OECD Network of Senior E-Government Officials and in co-operation with the European Commission.

Specific data collection is anticipated for the work on user-focused innovative service design and delivery.

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Management in Government

Purpose

To collect comparable data and indicators of good government and efficient public services, and to provide robust empirics with which to assess the impact of public management reforms and progress made in their implementation.

Objectives and outputs

The project will publish the first edition of "Government at a Glance" in late 2009. This planned biennial publication will provide a set of key indicators of good government and efficient public services to help member countries to better assess, plan and measure their public sector reform agenda.

"Government at a Glance will comprise measures of both the market and non-market activities of government and government-owned enterprises. This is known as the public sector and includes what the System of National Accounts recognises as general government and the government owned part of the (quasi-) corporate sector. However, and somewhat experimentally, it also pays attention to other activities which are undertaken outside of general government but which are wholly or partly funded by government (including a new classification of "private sector in the public domain"). The significance of this domain is its size and the government involvement through funding or regulation.

The first publication will include four categories of variables: revenues; inputs; public sector processes; and antecedents or constraints that contextualise government performance. Subsequent editions will plan to add output and outcome measures developed for the machinery of government.

Main Developments for 2009

General aspects:

In 2009 the two main priorities are the publication of the first Government at a Glance at the end of October 2009 and the development of a strategy for new data collection for the second edition of the publication, including more measures about the quality of public sector processes and selected output and outcome measures.