



# Benchmarking innovation in VET systems

# Initial questions

- Can innovation in VET be operationalised and accounted for?
- What would a system of indicators in this area look like?
- Would it be useful for benchmarking countries regarding innovation in VET and monitoring progress over time?

# Why

- To improve our knowledge:
  - Systems,
  - Policies,
  - Contextual conditions
- To outline best practices
- To position any particular country *vis à vis* other OECD countries:
  - How
  - Why

# A definition

- *innovation is change in an educational context **that has improved** the operation of a particular VET institution, its performance, the perceived satisfaction of the main stakeholders, or all of them at the same time.*
- 2 characteristics:
  - Accomplished fact, not an ongoing process
  - Institutional level, discrete not systemic

# The tools

- Background information about innovation in the VET system
- A set of tools: questionnaires?
- A system of indicators:
  - Environment
  - Input
  - Process
  - Output

# Examples of possible indicators

- **Environment:**
  - Regulatory framework
  - Support programmes (for teachers)
  - Incentives for innovation (to institutions)
  - ...
- **Inputs:**
  - Funding for innovation,
  - Funding for research on VET
  - Training of teachers
  - ...
- **Processes:**
  - Teacher time not allocated to teaching
  - Networking opportunities
  - Institutional policy for innovation
  - ...
- **Outputs (innovations accounted for):**
  - Innovations in institutional management
  - Innovations in teaching and learning
  - Innovations in the interface with the labour market
  - ...

# Next steps

- To set up a group of national VET experts of the corresponding countries
- To commission three papers on the following topics:
  - A refined version of the analytical framework for benchmarking innovation;
  - An initial set of innovation indicators in VET systems; and
  - A preliminary version of the questionnaire for institutions.

# Question

- Is this approach worth exploring?