



EC – OECD Webinar

Organised in cooperation with the European Commission's Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support (DG-Reform), the Spanish Ministry of Labour and Social Economy and the Spanish Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migrations

THE USE OF ADMINISTRATIVE DATA FOR EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

Tuesday, 27 October 2020

Context

The OECD is providing technical support to the Spanish authorities to assist them in modernising their statistical and analytical systems through an ongoing project being conducted with funding from the Structural Reform Support Programme and in cooperation with the European Commission's Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support (DG REFORM). The project, which commenced in June 2019, first mapped the existing situation regarding data management and proposed a new holistic approach for data management. The final output of the project is a proposal for an Impact Evaluation Framework that can be used as a roadmap by the Ministry of Labour and Social Economy (MITES) and the Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migrations (MISSM) in its future evaluations. A follow-up project, due to be launched immediately following the conclusion of the current project, aims to extend the technical support by helping the two ministries apply the framework on two key policy questions.

Given the adverse developments on the labour market arising from COVID-19, it is particularly important for the Spanish authorities to have the capacity to accurately monitor the effects of their employment and income-support policies as well as to make informed decisions on possible reforms. OECD projections suggest that Spain will be particularly negatively affected by COVID-19, especially given the poor current epidemiological situation. Even prior to the onset of the current crisis, Spain experienced relatively high unemployment and scored poorly along a number of dimensions in terms of poverty and social welfare.

Objective of the webinar

The aim of the workshop is to discuss the possibilities to promote and improve evidence-based policy design in MITES and MISSM. The OECD will present the results of its ongoing project with the Spanish authorities and introduce the Impact Evaluation Framework, which constitutes one of the project's main outputs. In presenting the framework, the OECD will discuss the importance of rigorous counterfactual impact evaluations in informing policy design, provide a brief overview of the most commonly used methods, discuss how data collection and linking can be improved in Spain to support impact evaluations, and outline key steps to ensure that impact evaluations are put to use for evidence-based policymaking. The experiences from Belgium (Flanders) and Italy will be presented during the webinar to provide concrete examples of good practices in using administrative data to design, implement and evaluate policies. The discussion will provide a useful starting point for the subsequent launch of the OECD-EC follow-up project with Spain: a pilot implementation of the Impact Evaluation Framework on two policy interventions.



Agenda

The webinar languages will be English and Spanish: simultaneous English-Spanish-English interpretation will be provided.

9:45 **Opening of the webinar channel**

10:00-10:15 **Welcome**

(15 min) **Marc Vothknecht** (European Commission, DG-Reform)

Aranzazu Gonzalez Rubio or Federico Muñiz Alonso (MITES, Deputy Directorate-General for Statistics and Social and Labour Analysis and Deputy Directorate for Statistics, National PES)

Amparo Gonzalez Ferrer and Ana Isabel Guzman de Torres (MISSM, Cabinet of the General Secretariate of Inclusion, Deputy Directorate for Inclusion Indicators and Objectives)

Mark Keese (OECD, Directorate for Employment Labour and Social Affairs, Skills and Employability Division)

10:15-10:50 **Session 1: [The use of statistical and analytical information in the Spanish labour and social security administration for evidence-based policy design](#)**

(25 min) **Anne Lauringson** (OECD, Directorate for Employment Labour and Social Affairs, Skills and Employability Division)

Data management in the Spanish labour and social security administration to produce data, statistics and analysis

Silvia Garcia-Mandico (OECD, Directorate for Employment Labour and Social Affairs, Skills and Employability Division)

A proposal for Impact Evaluation Framework in MITES and MISSM

Matija Vodopivec (OECD, Directorate for Employment Labour and Social Affairs, Skills and Employability Division)

Piloting the Impact Evaluation Framework in MITES and MISSM

(10 min) **General Discussion**

10:50-11:25 **Session 2: [Good practices in impact evaluation – The experience of INPS](#)**

(25 min) **Giuseppe D'Achille** (National Institute for Social Security - INPS, Italy)

The citizens' income: Institutional framework, screening process and some insights on a possible evaluation

(10 min) **General Discussion**

11:25-12:00 **Session 3: [Using data for better services – Examples from Belgium \(Flanders\)](#)**

(25 min) **Karolien Scheerlinck** (Flemish Employment and Vocational Training Service - VDAB, Belgium)



Using administrative data for targeted support to jobseekers: prioritising people to be contacted, matching jobs and jobseekers using AI and self-service tools for jobseekers

(10 min) **General Discussion**

12:00-12:15 Concluding remarks

(15 min) **Marc Vothknecht or Eugenia Bilbao-Goyoaga** (European Commission, DG-Reform)

Amparo Gonzalez Ferrer and Ana Isabel Guzman de Torres (MISSM, Cabinet of the General Secretariate of Inclusion, Deputy Directorate for Inclusion Indicators and Objectives)

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Theodora Xenogiani (OECD, Directorate for Employment Labour and Social Affairs, Skills and Employability Division)