3rd OECD Expert Group Meeting on Open Government Data

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The 3rd OECD Expert Group Meeting on Open Government Data was held on 18 and 19 May 2017 with the participation of 20 OECD countries and delegates from Argentina, Colombia, Peru and Romania. The meeting also benefited from the participation of the Executive Director of the International Open Data Charter Secretariat.

The meeting focused on encouraging the exchange of best practices between OECD member and partner countries, and highlight the relevance of the strategic use and management of open data for the digital transformation of the public sector. The Expert Group Meeting also provided an ideal forum to present the preliminary results of the 2017 Edition of the OECD OURdata Index, the policy highlights from the OECD analytical work on open government data, and cooperation between OECD Directorates in light of the relevance of data governance for the public, private and third sectors.

**Session 1: Where do we stand? Achievements and common challenges.**

Delegates presented national experiences centring on the three pillars of the OECD OURdata Index: Data availability, data accessibility and data re-use. Discussed topics covered, for instance, the demand- and value-driven publication of OGD, data quality as an enabler of OGD accessibility, the legal governance for OGD, and data-driven creation of good governance value in areas such as anti-corruption. This session benefited from the presentations of delegates from Argentina, France, Germany, Mexico, Norway, South Korea and Spain.

**Session 2: The OECD Open Government Data Report**

The OECD Secretariat presented the preliminary findings of the OECD Open Government Data Report to be published in 2018. The Report will build on the analytical framework included in the OECD Working Paper on Open Government Data to discuss developments, trends, needs and actions needed to move from potential value to impact delivery – e.g. by establishing the required data infrastructure, governance and ecosystem.

The analysis in the Report will be backed up with data collected through the OGD Survey (2013, 2014/15 and 2016/17) and will benefit from the application of the analytical frameworks in OGD national reviews.

**Session 3: The strategic role of Open Government Data in the context of the digital transformation of the public sector**

The digital transformation of the public sector calls for the strategic use of data inside government institutions and the implementation of effective data governance models. This session focused on the Digital Transformation of the public sector highlighting the relevance and contribution of Open to the delivery of data- and citizen-driven experiences. In addition, it explored how open data provide opportunities to engage in new ways and create new partnerships with a wealth of different actors to transform how decisions are taken and services delivered. Rebuilding trust through open data and the capacity of governments to evolve in line with changes in societies and economies were topics widely discussed by delegates from OECD countries and partners.
Session 4: Supporting cooperation across borders through open data

Global challenges call for multilateral collaboration for the design of shared solutions to common problems. This session benefited from the presentations of delegates from Canada, France and Mexico, and the participation of representatives from the International Open Data Charter (ODC) Secretariat. Cross-national data exchange in the European and Nordic region emerged as key topics for discussion due to the role of data management systems for the delivery of cross-border public service delivery and better data protection.

The role of international organisations such as the OECD and the International Open Data Charter was confirmed as crucial to enable greater international cooperation around open data drawing upon international principles such as the OECD Recommendation on Digital Government Strategies and the International Open Data Charter.

Session 5: OECD OGD measurement: Methodological Framework and preliminary results.

The OECD Secretariat presented the preliminary results of the 2017 edition of the Open, Useful and Reusable (OURdata) Index.

The theoretical framework used to produce the OECD OURdata Index draws upon the OECD analytical framework presented in the OECD Working Paper on Open Government Data (included in the Annex of the WP), expertise on open government data policies gained also through national reviews and thematic work in areas such as open data for anti-corruption.

This second edition (2017) of the OURdata Index has been strengthened to cover all the principles of the International Open data Charter.

Session 6: Building sector-specific value through Open Data: Strengthening cooperation

The recent work of the OECD exploring the publication and use of open data to fight corruption opened a window of opportunity to further engage governments towards the greater use of digital technologies and open data as tools for greater public sector integrity and transparency. The OECD Compendium on the use of open data for anti-corruption highlighted practices from G20 countries on this topic but also underlined common challenges. This includes the need to further build policy coherence in other areas such as public sector transparency, public procurement and data-driven journalism. This session benefited from the presentations of public officials from Argentina and Colombia, and the presentation of the Anti-corruption Sector Open up Guide of the ODC.

Session 7: Moving ahead: Leveraging OECD’s leadership on open government data through strategic alliances and the role of the Expert Group

This session focused on discussing the relevance of developing an OECD legal instrument on enhanced data access and reuse and of formalising the Expert Group as an OECD body given the growing and recognised importance and consolidation of this policy area in member countries.


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