

## WHAT ARE OECD OPEN GOVERNMENT REVIEWS?

OECD Open Government Reviews support countries in their efforts to build more open, participatory and accountable governments that can restore citizens' trust and promote inclusive growth. They provide governments with in-depth analysis of their open government policies coupled with actionable recommendations to help to embed the principles and practices of open government in their policy making cycles and to evaluate their impact. The loss of trust in government, following the crisis of 2007 and growing inequalities, underline the need for a new approach to public governance. By promoting open government reforms, the OECD helps countries to achieve more inclusive socio-economic development. The Reviews address questions such as:

- Is the government able to promote the cultural change needed to ensure more openness, transparency and inclusiveness across the whole-of-government?
- Does the government effectively steer, coordinate and communicate reform efforts?
- Are there mechanisms in place to partner with citizens and business in the design, implementation and evaluation of policies?
- Are government actions transparent and accountable?
- How does a country's open government approach support effective and responsive delivery of public services?
- What is the national open government agenda achieving? What impact does it have?

The Reviews assess the legal, institutional, policy and implementation frameworks for open government, identifying successes and bottlenecks and offering actionable recommendations to enhance the impact of the reform agenda. The Reviews can also address specific areas of open government (such as open government at the local level or a specific sector in greater depth such as health or the environment), according to countries' priorities. The Review process also includes dissemination and capacity building seminars, international and regional policy dialogue events, implementation support and advice for countries' participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP).

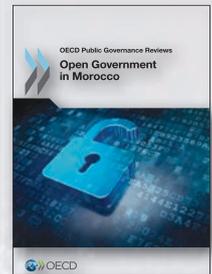
## HOW DO OPEN GOVERNMENT REVIEWS WORK?

OECD Open Government Reviews:

- Are based on a partnership with the requesting country.
- Are tailored to the country's context (institutional, cultural, legal).
- Are inclusive of all relevant actors, outside as well as within government.
- Are led by peer reviewers from OECD member countries.
- Are conducted by a multidisciplinary team of experts in the OECD Secretariat.
- Are set in an international comparative perspective, based on evidence and good international practices.
- Benefit from insights from all relevant areas of OECD work, such as digital government, public sector innovation, public sector integrity, budgeting, territorial development, etc.
- Are aligned with the country's own perspective and reform plans.

## KEY BUILDING BLOCKS

The OECD defines open government as *"the transparency of government actions, the accessibility of government services and information, and the responsiveness of government to new ideas, demands and needs"* (OECD 2005, "Open Government" in Modernizing Government: The Way Forward).



The Reviews are based on the following theory of change: open government policy principles are transformed into intermediate and long-term policy outcomes through the use of policy catalysts.



The Reviews are adapted to country specific needs and priorities, and include an analysis of how open government policies and principles are integrated in and contribute to different public governance areas. The OECD Open Government Reviews contain chapters on:

- Context and Drivers
- Steering and Coordination
- Citizen Participation
- Integrity and Anti-corruption
- Budget Transparency
- Innovation in Public Sector
- ICTs, Social Media and Open Data
- Case studies on health, local governance etc.

## OECD OPEN GOVERNMENT PROJECT

The OECD Open Government Reviews are part of a broader Open Government Project that includes several elements:

- **Regional Networks** on Open and Innovative Government which are a regular forum for exchange and peer dialogue, currently in the MENA, South East Asia and Latin America regions.
- **Regional comparative analysis** identifying common trends and challenges of open government.
- **OECD Survey** on Open Government Coordination and Citizen Participation in the Policy Cycle .
- The OECD official partnership with the **Open Government Partnership (OGP)** to support countries in becoming eligible, drafting national action plans and evaluating impact.
- **Dialogue with civil society** and the **private sector**.
- **Dissemination and Capacity Building** events to support implementation of reforms.
- Analysis of open government policies within the broader framework of **OECD Public Governance Reviews**.

### Published Reviews

- » Open Government in Morocco (2015)
- » Open Government in Myanmar (2015)
- » Open Government in Tunisia (2015)
- » OECD Public Governance Reviews: Lithuania: Fostering Open and Inclusive Policy Making (2015)
- » Open Government in Latin America (2014)

### Forthcoming Reviews

- » Open Government in Costa Rica (2016)
- » Open Government in Indonesia (2016)

### More information

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