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EXPERT GROUP ON GOVERNMENT RELATIONS WITH CITIZENS AND CIVIL SOCIETY

OECD Headquarters, Paris
14-15 November 2002

Main objectives of the meeting

1. To review key issues in the evaluation of government efforts to inform, consult and engage citizens in policy-making.

2. To collect concrete examples of evaluation from Member countries and agree on their inclusion in the final draft report on "Evaluation framework for information, consultation and public participation in policy-making".

3. To review a draft Policy Brief "Engaging Citizens On-Line" and reach agreement prior to publication.

4. To exchange information on recent initiatives taken by Member country governments regarding information provision, consultation and citizen participation in policy-making.

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### Introduction

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- **Welcome** and review of objectives for the meeting
- **Briefing** on PUMA Committee meeting (30-31 October 2002) and update by Secretariat

**Aim:** to set out goals for the meeting and report on recent outreach activities

**For reference:** Draft manuscript of International Roundtable proceedings *Citizens as Partners: Dialogue for Open Government* [Room document]

### SESSION 1. 10.00 -13.00

**WHO EVALUATES? THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT, CIVIL SOCIETY & PARLIAMENT**

- **Panel discussion** - the session will be introduced by a panel discussion between:
  - Mr. Richard Murray (Swedish Agency for Public Management)
  - Mr. Giovanni Moro (Director, Active Citizenship Network)
  - Prof. Stephen Coleman (Professor of e-Democracy, Oxford University and former Director of the Hansard Society, UK)
- **Group discussion**

**Aim:** to identify the key concerns, perspectives and resources of the principal actors involved in evaluating government information, consultation and public participation (including, government, civil society and parliament).

### SESSION 2. 14.30 - 17.30

**WHAT ARE THE LESSONS TO DATE? FROM PRINCIPLES TO PRACTICE IN OECD COUNTRIES**

- **Introduction** by Dr. Kim Forss (Andante Consultants AB, Sweden)
- **Country presentations** (10 minutes each)
  - **NOTE:** participants are requested to provide the Secretariat with a brief description of their country's concrete cases for presentation, and any background materials they wish to distribute, at the meeting to the Secretariat by email no later than **Monday 4 November 2002**.
- **Group discussion**

**Aim:** to provide concrete examples of OECD country experience for inclusion in the final report

**For reference:** Revised second draft report on “Evaluation framework for information, consultation and public participation in policy-making” by Dr. Kim Forss (Andante Consultants AB, Sweden). [Room document]

[Depending on the number of interested participants, the Secretariat will organise a no-host diner at a nearby restaurant.]
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SESSION 3.  9.30-13.00
HOW DO WE EVALUATE? DEVELOPING TOOLS AND METHODS

− Panel discussion - the session will be introduced by a panel discussion between:
  • Mr. Ilpo Laitinen (City of Helsinki and Finnish Evaluation Society)
  • Ms. Mary McNeil (World Bank Institute, Washington DC)
  • Prof. Lynn Frewer (University of Wageningen, Netherlands)
− Group discussion

Aim: to review existing tools for the evaluation of information, consultation and public participation based on current practice in OECD Member countries and in the field of development assistance.

For reference: "Ethics of Evaluation" by Ilpo Laitinen

SESSION 4.  14.00-15.45
POLICY BRIEF ON E-CONSULTATION

− Presentation by the Secretariat of the draft Policy Brief "Engaging Citizens On-line"
− Group discussion

Aim: to provide feedback and suggestions on the draft Policy Brief and reach agreement for publication

For reference: Draft policy brief "Engaging Citizens On-line"; Final draft report "Using information and communication technologies to enhance citizen engagement in the policy process" by Dr. Ann Macintosh (Director of the International Teledemocracy Centre, UK)

Conclusions 15.45 - 16.00

− Presentation by the Secretariat of next steps to end 2002
− Concluding remarks

Aim: to reach agreement on a timetable for publication of reports on e-consultation and evaluation in 2003