



OECD WORKSHOP ON INDICATORS OF REGULATORY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

EXPERT MEETING

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Context

The OECD indicators of regulatory management systems serve to assess countries' regulatory quality practices. They can help to analyse regulatory governance performance and to diagnose success factors and priority areas for further reform. They contribute to a better understanding of what good regulatory governance is, and of the links between regulatory policies and outcomes such as economic performance. To ensure that the indicators meet high quality standard, an OECD peer-review of the quality of the information submitted to the Secretariat is currently being performed.

The one and a half day workshop will offer an opportunity to take stock of the work, discuss the results as well as highlight the contribution of indicators to policy making. It will also offer an opportunity to discuss output, and performance measurement issues. Furthermore, it will brief participants on state-of-the-art indicator methodology and discuss other work on regulatory indicators.

The audience will consist of delegates and other officials and experts involved in the regulatory management systems indicator peer-review process. Speakers will include OECD experts, National experts, as well as academics.

THURSDAY 2 APRIL 2009

08.15-09.00 *Registration -- Background documents will be provided in the meeting room.*

09.00-09.15	<p>Opening remarks Mr. Jitinder Kohli, Chief Executive, Better Regulation Executive, UK Mr. Stéphane Jacobzone, Principal Administrator, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD Secretariat</p>
	<p>Chair: Mr. Jeroen Nijland, the Netherlands</p>
09.15-10.00	<p>Keynotes speech: Better Regulation, Good Practice and Fostering Accountability for better Regulation Policies</p>
<i>Speaker</i>	<p>Sir William Sargent, Executive Chair, Better Regulation Executive, UK</p>
10.00-13.00	<p>Session 1: An Overview of the Results</p>
<i>10.00-11.30</i> Discussion	<p><i>Presentation and Discussion of 2008 Findings</i></p> <p>The purpose of this session is to present the interim draft results of the Regulatory Indicators for 2008 and to discuss lessons learned from the data collection and peer-review process. The OECD Secretariat will present the findings for 2008 in comparison across countries and the progress that has been made over the last decade. The presentation will be followed by a “<i>Tour de Table</i>” which will give an opportunity to every member country to comment on the results.</p>
<i>Speakers</i>	<p>Mr. Stéphane Jacobzone, OECD Regulatory Policy Division</p> <p>Ms. Christiane Arndt, OECD Regulatory Policy Division</p> <p>Comments by country delegates</p>
	<p><i>Questions for discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>In what areas has progress been made?</i> • <i>In what areas is there room for improvement?</i> • <i>How can OECD indicators help support the reform process?</i>
	<p><i>Background documents:</i> <u>DOC 1</u>: Draft Note “Results 2008 OECD Regulatory Management Systems Indicators”</p>

11.30-11.45	Coffee Break
11.45-13.00	<p>Peer Review, Clarification of methodological issues, weights, interpretation of questionnaire</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p>This session will discuss the outcome of the peer review process, focusing on technical issues such as weights as well as clarifications and modifications of questions resulting from the peer-review process. A technical note to identify the relevant points will be distributed to member countries before the meeting. There will be room for an interactive discussion among the OECD Secretariat and participants.</p>
<i>Speakers</i>	<p>Ms. Christiane Arndt, OECD Regulatory Policy Division</p> <p>Mr. Emmanuel Job, OECD Regulatory Policy Division</p> <p>Comments by country delegates</p>
	<p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How to ensure consistent interpretation of questions across countries?</i> • <i>What were the lessons learned from the peer review process?</i> • <i>How to ensure consistency in the understanding and presentation of 2008 results?</i>
	<p>Background documents:</p> <p><u>DOC 2</u>: Draft Technical Note “OECD Regulatory Management Indicators 2008: Methodological issues”</p>

13.00-14.45 *Lunch*

14.45-16.00	Session 2: Methodological Issues
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>The purpose of this session is to present and discuss state of the art methodology for constructing composite indicators. Quality standards for the elaboration of composites will be shared with the audience. The session will offer an opportunity to discuss the potential for OECD indicators of regulatory management systems to comply with these standards, thus increasing their relevance for policy analysis. The floor will be open to questions.</p>
<i>Speakers</i>	<p>Mr. Andrea Saltelli, Joint Research Center, European Commission</p> <p>Ms. Zsuzsanna Lonti, OECD Public Sector Management and Performance Division</p>

	Ms. Christiane Arndt, OECD Regulatory Policy Division
	<p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How to ensure that composite indicators are sound and useful for policy analysis?</i> • <i>How can composite indicators be used?</i> • <i>What are the advantages and limits of composite indicators?</i>
	<p>Background documents:</p> <p><u>DOC 2:</u> Draft Technical Note “OECD Regulatory Management Indicators 2008: Methodological issues”</p> <p><u>DOC 3:</u> European Commission/OECD Handbook on constructing composite indicators</p>

16.00-16.30 *Coffee break*

16.30-17.45	Session 3: Impact of regulatory quality on economic performance
Discussion	This session will discuss some available evidence in terms of the links between quality regulation and economic performance. It will draw on existing OECD work as well as academic contributions.
Speakers	Professor Nicholas Crafts, Warwick University Mr. Stéphane Jacobzone, OECD Regulatory Policy Division
	<p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How to link better regulation to economic performance?</i> • <i>What indicators are useful for econometric analysis?</i> • <i>What are the knowledge gaps and how to bridge them?</i>
	<p>Background documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert contributions and academic papers • DOC 4 Draft report: Assessing the impact of regulatory management systems

18.00-19.45 **RECEPTION hosted by the UK**

Address by Lord Carter, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (UK Minister with responsibility for regulatory reform)

FRIDAY 3 APRIL 2009

08.15-09.00	<i>Registration -- Background documents will be provided in the meeting room.</i>
9.00- 11.00	Session 4: Country-specific output measurements/Perception surveys
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>Measuring satisfaction of stakeholders, citizens and businesses, is key from a policy perspective. Countries have been proceeding with output measurements and perception surveys in the regulatory field, also in relation to Ex Post analysis. However, these efforts remain scattered from a cross national perspective. The session will involve presentations by national experts and delegates on existing surveys and results. The floor will be open to discussion, assessing whether there is scope for developing common and shared elements as part of national modules/templates.</p>
<i>Speakers</i>	<p>Mr. Shin Kim, Korea Institute of Public Administration</p> <p>Ms. Françoise Waintrop, DGME, France</p> <p>Mr. Brian Huijts, Ministry of Finance, the Netherlands</p> <p>Ms. Helen McColm, Better Regulation Executive</p> <p>Mr. Richard Baynham, National Audit Office, UK</p>
	<p><i>Questions for discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How to measure satisfaction of citizens, businesses and other stakeholders?</i> • <i>What are the challenges in using perception surveys?</i> • <i>How to benefit from the experience of national efforts in developing a cross-country perspective?</i>
	<p><i>Background documents:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert contributions • Information on country specific initiatives
11.00-11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>

11.15-11.45	Session 5: A broader OECD perspective
<i>Discussion</i>	This session will provide Delegates with a broader perspective on OECD work to assess the progress made in regulatory reform. It will offer an opportunity to present to Delegates an overview of most recent developments in product market regulation in OECD countries as well as the role of methodological issues based on the recent update and revision of the OECD Product Market Regulation Indicators.
<i>Speakers</i>	Ms. Anita Wölfl, OECD Economics Department
	Background documents: A presentation of the latest results of the OECD Product Market Regulation Indicators will be made available to participating delegates.
11.45-12.45	Session 6: Sharing perspectives on measuring regulatory quality for cross-country comparisons
<i>Discussion</i>	The session will focus on introducing and discussing existing approaches to assess regulatory quality from a cross-country perspective produced by other international fora. The session will offer an opportunity to discuss with representatives from the World Economic Forum as well as academic experts. It will also offer an opportunity to discuss future developments, including the possible extension and relevance of indicators and dataset for broader engagement towards non OECD countries. The floor will be open for discussion with participants about the use of indicators for different purposes as well as possible extensions.
<i>Speakers</i>	Ms. Irene Mia, World Economic Forum Professor Claudio Radaelli, University of Exeter
	Questions for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the challenges in quantifying aspects of regulatory quality? What is the contribution of a survey outlining perceptions of private sector senior executives?</i> • <i>What cross-country comparable indicators of regulatory quality can be used for what purpose? What are their relative advantages?</i> • <i>What are the needs for benchmarking competitiveness among countries?</i>
	Background documents: Submissions from participating experts and OECD delegates
12.45-13.00	Closing, Conclusions by the Chair, final remarks by participants