



FURTHERING THE PARTNERSHIP TO PROMOTE EFFECTIVE IO RULE-MAKING

4th Meeting of International Organisations
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Why? Rationale and aim

Greater **quality, relevance and impact of international rules** elaborated by IOs

Improve **confidence of countries in international rules** to achieve their domestic policy objectives

Foster **better international regulatory co-operation** to address policy challenges that transcend national borders

Background



What? Deliverables

- Voluntary structured framework for:
 - **exchange of experience** on effective rule-making of international organisations;
 - **analytical work** building on evidence collected from the group of IOs and other sources.
- Ultimately, good practices could be identified in support of effective rule-making of international organisations

How? Organisation of the work

- Exchanges facilitated by evidence-based analytical work
 - Informal group of IOs ('core group')
 - Annual plenary meetings, with rotation of hosts
 - Neutral facilitator to moderate discussions
 - Working groups on 5 focus themes
 - Dedicated electronic portal for exchange of documents and information
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Collaborative virtual workspace

Objectives:

- **Facilitate contact and information exchange** through sharing of documents; discussion groups; invitations to international events of relevance.
- **Display** information on on-going work, such as upcoming meetings, progress on the work, including technical work carried out by the working groups, important documents.
- **Ensure institutional memory** about work carried out, with archives of passed meetings available
- **Ultimately**, minimise email correspondence.

How does it work?

- Partner IOs are granted access to the e-platform, with a secured password
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Who? Participation

Open to IOs involved in rule-making, regardless of their constituency, legal status or mandate

»What does participation entail in practice?

- Participation in the annual meetings & WG discussions;
- Contributions to analytical work (i.e. responses to surveys);
- Short focused inputs on their own experience;
- Feedback on on-going work; **and more if willing!**

»Who else will be involved?

- Regular engagement with IO constituency
- Contributions from governments, the private sector, civil society and academia, as relevant

Resource implications

- Reliance on each partner IO to gather its own resources to contribute actively to the work and meetings.
- Additional funding needed to manage the partnership and pursue the analytical work:
 - » OECD is looking for **voluntary contributions from its members**.
 - » **IO In-kind contributions** in support of the organisation of annual meetings and/or of the analytical work
 - » **Collaboration with academic institutions** to support the drafting and research required for the preparation of IO studies
 - » **Specific working group** to identify the potential sources and models of funding

A sample of your feedback since November on the organisation

- Importance of initiative, in line with internal reform objectives
- Welcome OECD analytical capacity and convening power in facilitating the work
- Importance of maximising coherence with existing tools and initiatives and preventing duplication
- Proposal to create working groups to carry out analytical work
- Continue the engagement with academic institutions
- Difficulty for IOs to provide monetary resources, but many IOs volunteered for in-kind contributions
- Willingness of various IOs to host meetings to ensure rotation in host organisations
- Particular challenges for IOs with small secretariats to engage
- Enable virtual exchanges to facilitate information flow among IOs



Questions for discussion

- How do you perceive the added value of the partnership for enabling closer collaboration among IOs?
 - Do you see any key IOs missing from the initiative who should be invited to join the partnership?
 - How will IOs contribute to the partnership?
 - How can additional resources be collected in support of the work?
 - What communication tools could support the exchange of information among IOs and with a wider audience?
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Tentative timeline

- **By July 2017:** Agreement on modalities and joint agenda of work
 - **September-December 2017:** Launch of IO e-Portal; Initiation of analytical work within working groups and core group.
 - **April 2018. Fifth annual meeting of IOs:** Overview of the working groups activities and development of studies. Presentation and circulation of surveys to IOs; overview of relevant IO reforms.
 - **November 2018:** workshops to discuss drafts of analytical work and progress made on IO studies (possibly virtual).
 - **November 2018-January 2019:** Circulation of drafts of analytical work through the IO e-portal and to broader audience for comments.
 - **April 2019. Sixth annual meeting of IOs:** Finalisation and launch of cross-cutting analytical work and individual studies. Brainstorming on possible next steps in the partnership.
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