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TRUST IN GOVERNMENTS  
THROUGH INNOVATIVE RESPONSES  
TO CRISES AND CHALLENGES  
**INNOVATION  
REQUIRED**

Draft Annotated Agenda

**41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting  
of the Network of Senior Officials  
from Centres of Government**

Vienna, Austria | 12–13 October 2022

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### DRAFT AGENDA

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#### WEDNESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2022

**Location:** Austrian Federal Chancellery, Ballhausplatz 2, 1010 Vienna  
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| 18h30 | Welcome Reception  |
| 19h00 | Senior Officials Dinner hosted by Karoline Edtstadler, Federal Minister for the EU and Constitution at the Federal Chancellery |

#### THURSDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2022

**Location:** House of Industry, Schwarzenbergplatz 4, 1010 Vienna  
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**Chair:** Bernd Brünner, Secretary General of the Federal Chancellery, Austria

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| 10h00 – 10h30 | Welcome remarks |
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- Karoline Edtstadler, Federal Minister for the EU and Constitution, Austria and Chair of the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Senior Officials from Centres of Government Network
  - Kerri-Ann Jones, OECD Deputy Secretary General

**10h30 – 12h00 Session 1: Innovating in CoG to address the trust and democracy challenge**

In many OECD countries, Centres of Government (CoGs) have met increasing difficulties in policy design and implementation due to decreasing citizens' trust in public institutions. This session will provide an opportunity for senior officials from the Centres of Government to reflect on the findings from the [2022 Report Building Trust to Reinforce Democracy: Key Findings from the 2021 OECD Survey on Drivers of Trust in Public Institutions](#) and discuss how to best design trust-promoting policies and share experiences on what has worked in terms of strengthening trust in institutions.

- Presentation of the main findings from the *OECD Survey on the Drivers of Trust in Public Institutions*
- Discussion – Rebuilding trust in institutions: what role and practices for the centres of government?

**12h00 – 13h30 Lunch (Foyer, House of Industry)**

**13h30 – 14h45 Session 2: CoG driving public sector innovation in the face of multiple simultaneous crises**

The COVID-19 crisis has demonstrated the ability of governments to move and act quickly in response to challenges which require immediate action. This session will provide an opportunity for senior officials to share examples of innovative public action highlighted by recent crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic, and discuss how centres of governments can increase their agility, adaptation and capacity to act quickly in the face of future crises.

**14h45 – 15h00 Coffee break**

**15h00 – 16h15    Session 3: Paths for transformation: the future of Centres of Government**

Recent crises and policy challenges, particularly global challenges, have underscored the need for transformations in the policies, practices and institutions of government, including those at the centre. This session will discuss the set-up and tools needed by centres of government to lead in the face of uncertain and complex challenges and steer towards better futures. The session will focus, in particular, the role of CoGs vis à vis digitalisation and how digitalisation affects their functioning, what their role is regarding the steering of whole of government efforts towards climate change, and how they should evolve in relation to wider institutional changes taking place in government.

**16h15 – 16h30    Closing remarks**

- Kerri-Ann Jones, OECD Deputy Secretary General
- Bernd Brünner, Secretary General of the Federal Chancellery, Austria

**Dinner**

**Location:** Eischers Kronenstüberl, Neustift am Walde 87, 1190 Vienna (transport will be organised)

**18h30 – 20h00    Traditional Heuriger hosted by Thomas Oberreiter, Director General for Europe and Economic Affairs (Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs)**

**FRIDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2022**

**10h00 – 12h00    Private tour through the Highlights of the Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna**