

# OECD NETWORK OF SCHOOLS OF GOVERNMENT

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Dear Network participants,

*We would like to inform you of the latest activities of the  
OECD Network of Schools of Government.*

## 2014 MEETING OF THE OECD NETWORK OF SCHOOLS OF GOVERNMENT: “Promoting Public Sector Innovation: Role of Schools of Government”

We would like to thank all participants for attending the Network meeting that took place in Paris on 13-14 November 2014. It was a productive event resulting in a number of interesting discussions and decisions. A summary of the proceedings is attached for your information. It is also available on the platform [here](#).

## OECD SURVEY OF SCHOOLS OF GOVERNMENT

As a result of new member Schools joining the Network, the OECD Survey of Schools of Government will be reopened until the end of February 2015 in order to gain more benchmarking data and refine the analysis. The Survey aims to deepen understanding of governance, functions and scope of activities of the Network’s member schools and to better focus Network’s subsequent work. This information will contribute to a forthcoming OECD report on schools of government as well as to the work on the OECD Skills Strategy.

The survey is available at <https://webnet.oecd.org/Survey> and is divided into two parts:

1. **Core questions:** A set of 27 questions that aim to establish the practices, goals and needs of the member schools.
2. **In-depth questions:** A set of 57 questions that aim to provide a more in-depth perspective on the topics touched upon by the core questions.

The new deadline for completing the Survey is **15 March 2015, COB**. We encourage all members that have not done so to complete the Survey in order to maximise the relevance of the comparative benchmarks in this area. You will/should have received an individualised email with your login and password information. We thank you in advance for participating in the survey and look forward to receiving your responses.

## AREAS FOR CO-OPERATION: DEVELOPMENT OF TRAINING MODULES

As discussed at the meeting of the Network on 13-14 November, the next steps in the implementation of the Network’s Action Plan would involve the development of joint training modules on the topics discussed by the Network:

- ✓ Open government
- ✓ Innovation in the public sector

The development of these modules would allow follow-up on the Network’s discussions and embed their results into practical training tools that could be used by Network’s members. The modules would aim to incorporate good practices from schools’ experiences in teaching in these areas and would build on the OECD policy materials and lessons learned from the OECD

Observatory of Public Sector Innovation and the work on Open Government. The draft modules will be circulated to the Network via the Network's Platform for input and comments.

To support the development of these modules, we propose to establish **working groups**, which would guide the development of each set of modules. If your school is interested in contributing to the work of these working groups (either on open government or innovation in the public sector), please send us the name of your staff member and we will liaise with them directly concerning the next steps in the process.

The participating schools are also invited to consider **seconding officials** to the OECD to support the work on the modules and other Network's activities. Seconded officials would also be able to get exposed to mainstream OECD activities, including policy dialogue and applied research.

*The finalised modules will be available for use by all participating schools of government.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS OF NETWORK PARTICIPANTS

We are pleased to share with you the announcements of upcoming events of our partners, which you will find below. This list is also available on the new electronic platform.

- **Roundtable on "Smart Policies for Innovative Public Sectors"**  
*8 February 2015, Dubai, United Arab Emirates*

This roundtable, organized jointly by the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy of Singapore and the Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government of the UAE, will coincide with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Government Summit of the UAE. Participants in the roundtable will provide insights into what constitutes a smart policy, the role of participatory planning and collaboration in developing a smart policy, and the role of schools of government in supporting decision-makers with smart policies leading to effective implementation of innovative public sector practices.

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Mediterranean Forum of Public Service**  
*2-3 June 2015, Tunis, Tunisia*

The theme of the meeting will be "Training: a driver for innovation". Further information will become available on the OECD's Network of Schools of Government Platform.

- **2015 Annual Conference of the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration**  
*6-10 July 2015, Paris, France*

The International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (IASIA) in close collaboration with the Centre National de la Fonction Publique Territoriale (CNFPT) is organising the 2015 Annual Conference of IASIA. The conference will bring together practitioners, academics, researchers in public administration and management, as well as contributors from any other disciplines who will exchange on the theme of « *Alternative Service Delivery Arrangements* ».

## UPCOMING OECD EVENTS

- **OECD Integrity Week**  
*23-26 March 2015, Paris, France*

The OECD and the CleanGovBiz Initiative organise annually an Integrity Week at the OECD Headquarters to actively support governments and organisations to strengthen integrity, build trust, and fight corruption. On this occasion, the OECD hosts multiple public events relating to anti-corruption and integrity. These events bring together stakeholders from government, academia, business, trade and civil society to engage in dialogue on policy, best practices, and recent developments in the fields of integrity and anti-corruption.

- **Launch of the OECD Network on Open and Innovative Government in South East Asia**  
*24 March 2015, Myanmar, Burma*

## RECENT OECD PUBLICATIONS (also available on the Network's Platform)

### [Lobbyists, Governments and Public Trust: Volume 3](#)



This report takes stock of progress made in implementing the 2010 Recommendation on Principles for Transparency and Integrity in Lobbying and found that although there is an emerging consensus on the need for transparency to shed light on lobbying, new regulations are often scandal-driven instead of forward looking

### [Open Government in Latin America](#)



This report takes stock of open government strategies and practices in Latin American countries, allowing them to compare and benchmark against good international practice. It is the first in a series of OECD Open Government regional reports and has led to the creation of the OECD Network on Open and Innovative Government in Latin America.

### [International Regulatory Co-operation and International Organisations](#)



International organisations have a strong role to play to 'harness' and create the common rules of globalisation but is full advantage taken of their potential to address the global challenges of our times and to help all citizens reap the benefits of globalisation? This report reflects discussions held among 16 international organisations, OECD countries and stakeholders in April 2014 and provides insights into the growing role of international organisations as standard-setters.

### [The Governance of Regulators](#)



What does it take to be a “World Class” regulator? Governments are responsible for public policies but regulators are at the forefront of policy delivery. Governance of regulators is critical for strengthening the legitimacy and integrity of public institutions. However, guidance on governance arrangements has been elusive so far. To fill this gap, the OECD recently issued a series of key principles to help regulators with their governance arrangements which are already supporting the work of economic regulators internationally.

### [OECD Review of the Central Administration of Kazakhstan](#)



Over the past decade, Kazakhstan has made important policy strides, although many governance challenges remain. In this regard, Kazakhstan has set itself a long-term target to strengthen the quality of the country’s democratic institutions and to join the rank of the top 30 developed countries by 2050. The purpose of this Review is to support the government of Kazakhstan in improving the quality of its public governance and making further progress in the development of a modern and efficient public sector.

*Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or comments concerning any of the above.*

We thank you for your ongoing participation!

Best regards,  
OECD Secretariat

[www.oecd.org/gov/global-network-schools-of-government](http://www.oecd.org/gov/global-network-schools-of-government)  
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