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**7th Meeting of the OECD Joint Network of Senior Budget and Health Officials**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**OECD Conference Centre, Paris  
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*Aligning health budgets with policy priorities and increasing accountability for performance*

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### **Background and objectives**

An increasing number of OECD countries rely on performance-based approaches to budgeting. Such approaches can strengthen the alignment of health spending with policy priorities, direct resources towards specific health targets, improve efficiency and strengthen accountability. But budgeting reforms are complicated by the existence of different health financing arrangements, for example national health services and social insurance funds, the extent to which health budgets are decentralised, and varying levels of private sector involvement.

Often, performance budgeting frameworks and measurement systems are facilitated by restructuring budgets along programmatic principles. This can help ensure budgets are structured in a way that reflects priority government health programmes. Another fundamental characteristic of many performance-based approaches is a set of well-specified key performance indicators. Presented in budget documents that are presented to parliament, these indicators represent the planned objectives of spending, and can be used as contextual information or as a direct input for budget allocations. Performance measurement systems may also be used to measure productivity and efficiency in the health sector. Identifying approaches to improving productivity and efficiency and tackling wasteful spending can alleviate pressure on government budgets and ensure the longer-term sustainability of health care systems.

In all sessions of this Joint Network meeting, both results from recent OECD research and direct experiences from member countries will be used to highlight key issues.

# **PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**Thursday 14 February 2019**

**09:30-10:00**     **Welcome**

**10:00-11:00**     **Session 1: Setting the scene: the institutional context in health**

This session will discuss how the institutional context in health, particularly the degree of decentralisation, impact budgetary and financing decisions in health.

- Decentralisation and its impact on budgetary decisions in health – OECD Secretariat
- Country experiences – the Netherlands and Japan

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*11:00-11:30*     *Coffee break*

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**11:30-13:00**     **Session 2: Performance budgeting frameworks and measurement systems**

This session will discuss trends in performance budgeting, different types of performance budgeting frameworks, and the use of performance measurement systems in health.

- Trends and uses of performance budgeting and measurement systems – OECD Secretariat
- Country experiences – Norway and France

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*13:00-14:00*     *Lunch*

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**14:00-15:30**     **Session 3: Programme budgeting for health**

This session will discuss how budget allocations designed around a programmatic structure can help make budgets more performance oriented, and how such programme budgeting has been applied in health.

- Programme budgeting for health in OECD countries – OECD Secretariat
- Perspective from the World Health Organization
- Country experiences – New Zealand

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*15:30-16:00*     *Coffee break*

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**16:00-17:30**     **Session 4: Approaches to improving productivity in health**

This session will explore different approaches countries have used to improve productivity in health, that are based on a collaboration between budget/finance and health officials.

- Introduction to approaches for improving productivity – OECD Secretariat
- In-depth discussions in smaller groups

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**17:30**             **Cocktail reception** (hosted by the Netherlands Delegation)

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## Friday 15 February 2019

**09:00-09:10**    **Recap of Day 1**

**09:10-10:30**    **Session 4 (*continued*): Approaches to improving productivity in health**

Key findings from group discussions to be presented and discussed.

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*10:30-11:00*    *Coffee break*

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**11:00-12:00**    **SESSION 5 – Performance and transparency in the capital budget**

This session will discuss how performance budgeting and accountability reforms can be applied to the capital budget, taking into account its different budgeting cycle and planning requirements.

- Accountability in capital budgeting – OECD Secretariat
- Country experiences – United Kingdom and Italy

**12:00-13:00**    **SESSION 6 – Future work programme**

An open discussion on the future work of the Joint Network, including priority areas for countries.

## MEETING INFORMATION

### Registration Form

All delegates must complete the registration form and return it to the Secretariat ([helene.leconte-lucas@oecd.org](mailto:helene.leconte-lucas@oecd.org)) ahead of the meeting.

### Accommodations

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### Meeting Location

The meeting will take place at the Conference Centre at OECD Headquarters – *Château de la Muette* – which is located at: 2, rue André Pascal in the 16th *arrondissement* (district) of Paris. The closest metro station is “*La Muette*” on line 9, or “*Boulayvilliers*” or “*Henri Martin*” on line C of the RER. More information on getting to the OECD can be found at: <http://www.oecd.org/site/conferencecentre/gettingtotheoecd.htm>

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