

AGENDA

Using municipal and regional fiscal data to analyse decentralisation and multilevel governance

13 December 2022

12:00-14:10 (CET)



Virtual meeting

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The event will be held in English.

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What is the issue?

There are still many gaps in local finance data, especially concerning disaggregated data of individual municipalities or regions. While these data exist at the national level in each country, there is currently no platform to compare and analyse municipal and regional finance between countries, and sometimes even between levels of government within the same country. Yet these data are necessary and valuable information for truly assessing the capacities and decision-making power of municipalities and regions, and for evaluating the levels of disparity and distribution of subnational government expenditure and revenue.

To fill-in these gaps, the OECD and EU have begun collaboration on the project, “Strengthening analytical frameworks and data on subnational government finance and public employment”. The aim is to create unique databases with aggregated and disaggregated data on public finance, at regional and municipal levels (REGOFI and MUNIFI).

About the workshop

This workshop will gather national statistical institutes, experts, OECD and EU officials. It will include presentations by high-level academic and policy-making experts on the research and policy design opportunities that can emerge from using cross-country fiscal databases. The event also provides participants an opportunity to discuss the first stages of development of the REGOFI and MUNIFI databases.

This workshop will give participants the opportunity to discuss:

- The early development of the REGOFI and MUNIFI databases, including the data collection process and the use of data queries;
- Research areas and policy design using cross-country fiscal databases, exploring the Regional Authority Index and other international databases.

12:00-12:15	15 min	Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dorothee Allain-Dupré, Head of Division, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance, Center for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE), OECD• Lewis Dijkstra, Head of the Economic Analysis Sector, DG REGIO, European Commission
12:15-13:00		Session 1 – REGOFI and MUNIFI databases
	25 min	Moderator: Isabelle Chatry , Head of Unit, Decentralisation, Subnational Finance and Infrastructure (DEFI), Regional Development and Multi-level Governance Division, , CFE, OECD Project presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Antti Moisio, Economist, DEFI, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance Division, CFE, OECD• Charlotte Lafitte, Policy Analyst, DEFI, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance Division, CFE, OECD

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brendan Irish, Consultant, DEFI, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance Division, CFE, OECD • Margaux Vincent, Policy Analyst, DEFI, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance Division, CFE, OECD
	10 min	<p>Comments on the project’s objectives from National Statistical Institutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Owens, Public Sector Specialist, U.S. Census Bureau • Magnus Jeppesen, Head of Section, Statistics Denmark
	10 min	Q&A session
13:00-14:00		Session 2 – Cross-country fiscal databases: research and policy perspectives
		Moderator: Antti Moisio , Economist, DEFI, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance Division, CFE, OECD
	15 min	<p>Using cross-country data in research: the Regional Authority Index</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arjan Schakel, Research Professor, University of Bergen, Norway
	15 min	<p>Impacts of fiscal decentralisation: utilising international data from subnational governments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maarten Allers, Professor of Economics of Sub-National government, University of Groningen, Netherlands
	15 min	<p>Utilising international databases in policy design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Niels Jørgen Mau Pedersen, Project Director, The Danish Center of Social Science Research (VIVE)
	15 min	Q&A session
14:00-14:10	10 min	<p>Wrap-up and conclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carlo Gianelle, Senior Researcher, DG Regio, European Commission • Isabelle Chatry, Head of Unit, DEFI, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance Division, CFE, OECD

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Technical information to connect

The meeting will be held on Zoom.

Information to join the virtual meeting will be sent to you once you register.

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For more information on the work of the OECD on subnational government finance, please visit the web page: <https://www.oecd.org/regional/multi-level-governance/mlgsngpublicfinance.htm>