

Trust in Government: Understanding its Territorial Divides

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▪ **Trust in government**

In many advanced economies rising inequalities and disparities in regional economic performance, notably among urban and rural areas, appear to be met with rising citizen mistrust in government and institutions. The COVID-19 pandemic risks exacerbating the disparities given its asymmetric socio-economic impact. Meanwhile, trust in government has been crucial to generating compliance with containment measures, vaccine acceptance and successfully managing the crisis. Understanding regional and local drivers of trust in government can help policymakers better tackle the underlying sources of declining trust and design targeted strategies for a resilient recovery.

▪ **About the event**

The webinar will explore what is driving the regional divides of trust in government and assess current measurement challenges. Speakers will discuss emerging markers of trust in government in different types of regions, and policy solutions to address the trust divide, particularly among urban and rural areas.

The webinar will delve into which local characteristics and socio-economic conditions can influence trust in government. Attention will also be placed on the importance of place-based policies and multi-level governance mechanisms in addressing the underlying determinants of trust and mistrust.

▪ **Background**

This webinar is part of a new project being launched by the OECD's Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE) to explore the territorial dimensions of trust in government. It is organised in partnership with the OECD Public Governance Directorate (GOV) as part of the broader OECD work on the drivers of trust in government and public institutions. This OECD webinar brings together experts from around the world to build the knowledge base and promote international dialogue on this issue.

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Opening Remarks & Setting the Scene: OECD new work stream on the territorial divides of trust in government

Territorial divides of trust in government

Dorothee Allain-Dupré, Head of Division, Regional Development Policy and Multi-level Governance Division, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD

Measuring and reinforcing the drivers of trust in government

Monica Brezzi, Head of Division, Governance Indicators and Performance Evaluation Division, Public Governance Directorate, OECD

13:25 – 14:05

Perspectives on the Geography of Trust in Government

Moderator **Varinia Michalun**, Senior Project Manager, Regional Development Policy and Multi-level Governance Division, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD

Speakers **Lewis Dijkstra**, Head of the Economic Analysis Sector, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

Neil Lee, Professor of Economic Geography, Department of Geography and Environment, London School of Economics

Danielle Wood, Chief Executive Officer, the Grattan Institute

Anthony F. Pipa, Senior Fellow in the Center for Sustainable Development, Global Economy and Development Program at Brookings Institution

14:05 – 14:25

Open Discussion with all Workshop Participants

14:25 – 14:30

Closing Remarks

On measuring the drivers of trust in regional and local government:

Paolo Veneri, Deputy Head of Division, Economic Analysis, Data and Statistics Division, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD

On next steps for understanding the territorial divides in trust in government:

Enrique Garcilazo, Deputy Head of Division, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance Division, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD

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