

Well-being Analytics for Policy Use in Italy

Incorporating Equitable and Sustainable Well-being Indicators in Policy and Budget Decision-making

Monday 30 May 2022
9:30am-12pm (CET)
Virtual event

As governments grow increasingly interested in using well-being measures to evaluate policies and steer budget decisions, it is necessary to develop suitable modelling tools that can support detailed impact analyses. Among OECD countries, Italy has been the first to link a set of well-being indicators to its economic policy programming. The reform law n. 163/2016 provided for the incorporation of Equitable and Sustainable Well-being (ESW) indicators into the policy-making process, with the aim of providing a strong institutional framework for embedding well-being indicators in the policy cycle. This issue of multidimensional well-being is also strongly connected with the frameworks of UN Agenda 2030 and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as well as with the EU National Recovery and Resilience Plans.

The Ministry of Economy and Finance of Italy has sought to strengthen the ESW indicator framework by developing its modelling capacity, with the support of the Directorate General for Structural Reform Support (DG REFORM) of the European Commission and the OECD. In this project, the OECD WISE Centre has developed several models for the following three ESW indicators: (1) (perceived) healthy life expectancy at birth; (2) the share of population with excess weight (obese or overweight); and (3) the rate of early leavers from education and training systems. Overall, the models highlight a wide range of policy-amenable input determinants of ESW outcomes. Moreover, the OECD Governance Directorate has consulted a large number of Italian institutions to develop an Action Plan on improving the use of well-being metrics in budget-setting. The key highlights from the Action Plan will be presented.

This conference was organised as part of the project on 'Modelling of Equitable and Sustainable Well-Being Indicators for Policy Use', supported by the EU's Structural Reform Support Programme and implemented in cooperation with the European Commission. The conference was held in English.

Agenda

Chair of the conference: Romina Boarini, Director, OECD WISE Centre

- 9:30 **The European Commission support to structural reforms**, by Nathalie Berger, European Commission, Director at DG REFORM
- 9:40 **The Well-being Initiative in Italy: achievements and challenges**, by Prof. Maria Cecilia Guerra, Under-secretary at the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance
- 9:50 [Modelling ESW Indicators: what have we learnt?](#) by Fabrice Murtin, Senior Economist, OECD WISE Centre
- 10:10 [Towards better prevention policies in public health](#), by Michele Cecchini, Senior Economist, OECD Health Division
- 10:20 [The Action Plan: ensuring the usefulness of ESW Indicators in policy and budget decision-making](#), by Andrew Blazey, Deputy Head of Division, OECD Governance Directorate

10:40 [Well-being metrics and budget-setting: The New Zealand experience](#), by Stacey Wymer, Director of Budget Management, New Zealand Treasury; and Dominick Stephens, Chief Economic Adviser, New Zealand Treasury

11:00 **Policy roundtable with Italian policy experts** (5 minutes each):

- Linda Laura Sabbadini, Director, Istat
- Riccardo Barbieri, Director General, Ministry of Economy and Finance
- Aline Pennisi, Director General, Ministry of Economy and Finance
- Prof. Chiara Saraceno, University of Torino
- Christoph Schwierz, European Commission, Head of Unit at DG REFORM – Revenue Administration and Public Financial Management

11:40 **Q&A with the audience and final wrap-up**

12:00 **End of the conference**