

# Multi-level Governance and Subnational Finance



## Making multi-level governance and decentralisation work

Multi-level governance forms the framework for both the decision-making and implementation of regional development policy. When efficient, these frameworks support synergies among the priorities of distinct levels of government, and can help better achieve national and subnational policy goals.

Over the past 20 years, the OECD has produced comprehensive analytical work on multi-level governance and decentralisation. Through this, it has helped countries respond to a wide range of regional development concerns, including infrastructure investment, territorial reform, local public service delivery, sustainable development, competitiveness, innovation, and a better quality of life for citizens.

**Forthcoming thematic work:** governance of EU funds for regional development, multi-level governance and digitalisation, subnational climate finance, SMEs and multi-level governance, and much more.

Find out more on **the OECD work on multi-level governance and decentralisation:** <https://www.oecd.org/cfe/regional-policy/multi-level-governance-and-decentralisation.htm>

Subnational governments account for 40% of public expenditure and almost 60% of public investment across OECD countries

## Strengthening subnational government finance and investment: data collection and analysis

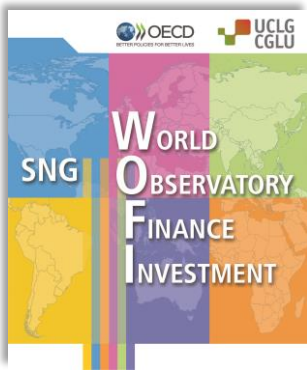
The OECD offers public officials, the private sector and academics up-to-date data on subnational government structure and finance to support evidence-based policy-making.

The statistical guide **Subnational Governments in OECD Countries: Key Data**, is revised annually, and provides information on subnational governments in OECD member and partner countries. It provides reliable data on subnational investment, revenue and tax receipts, budget balance and debt, expenditure by economic function, government structure and municipal size

**What is new in 2019?** The OECD will work on **decentralisation indicators** and their link with regional outcomes and on **two databases on municipal and regional accounts**.

Find out more on the **OECD Subnational Government Structure and Finance database:** <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/05fb4b56-en>





The World Observatory on Subnational Government Finance and Investment (SNG-WOFI) is a multi-stakeholder initiative led by the OECD and UCLG that collects and analyses comparable data and information on territorial organisation and subnational finance in 130 countries.

Find out more on the SNG-WOFI, publications, and events: <http://www.oecd.org/cfe/regional-policy/Observatory-on-Subnational-Government-Finance-and-Investment.htm>



The OECD Recommendation on Effective Public Investment across Levels of Government supports public officials to make better and more effective investment decisions.

The OECD Toolkit for Effective Public Investment provides an online easy-to-use, red-yellow-green light self-assessment tool to help countries implement the Recommendation. The Toolkit also offers concrete examples of good practices and the Multi-level governance Indicators developed in 2017.

Try it at: <https://www.oecd.org/effective-public-investment-toolkit/>

The OECD works with member and non-member countries to seize the opportunities and manage the challenges associated with diverse multi-level governance contexts.

## Country Reviews

The OECD works closely with countries to enhance their multi-level governance practices, including in decentralisation, fiscal management, cross-sector and multi-level dialogue and coordination, and performance measurement. It also supports countries to take a more systematic and more innovative approach to subnational finance and investment.

The OECD process actively engages policy stakeholders in dialogue, and offers internationally comparative data, analysis and recommendations that help policy makers adjust their multi-level governance practices and generate more inclusive regional development policies nationally, regionally and locally.

Forthcoming work on multi-level governance and subnational finance in 2019-2020:

- ✓ Portugal multi-level governance and decentralisation reform
- ✓ Wales, United Kingdom, multi-level governance and subnational investment review
- ✓ Israel subnational tax review
- ✓ Bulgaria regionalisation review
- ✓ Kazakhstan subnational investment seminar
- ✓ Ukraine decentralisation review



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