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Economics

OECD Economic Surveys: Slovenia 2022

Slovenia’s strong post-pandemic recovery has been hit by strong headwinds from the war in Ukraine, higher energy prices, and supply chain bottlenecks. At the same time, the strong labour market performance has led to historically high employment, low unemployment and widespread labour shortages. Thus, inflation will remain high as growth slows. Looking further out, population ageing will lead to a smaller and older workforce, while the number of pensioners increases. Financing the fiscal costs of population ageing requires containing ageing-related spending increases in the pension, health and long-term care systems. Furthermore, sustaining growth and income convergence will increasingly rely on improving labour allocation, while supporting productivity growth through higher investments in new technologies, such as digitalisation. The successful digitalisation of the economy will have positive impacts on productivity growth and inclusiveness. An important element in any digitalisation strategy is to secure affordable and widespread connectivity. Moreover, the public sector’s digitalisation efforts will encourage households and firms to adopt such new technologies. This, however, depends on the education and training system’s ability to provide students at all levels and workers with better digital skills.

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Finance & Investment

OECD International Direct Investment Statistics 2021

Driven by technological change, global competition and the liberalisation of markets, international direct investment plays a key role in the process of global economic integration. OECD compiles and disseminates reliable and up-to-date statistics which are essential for a meaningful interpretation of investment trends for informed policy making. These statistics are based on official reports by OECD countries for investments world-wide. Internationally comparable data makes it possible to measure the degree of economic integration and competitiveness of markets.



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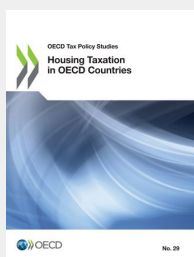


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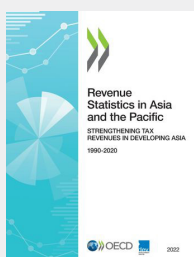
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Taxation

Housing Taxation in OECD Countries

Housing Taxation in OECD Countries provides a comparative assessment of housing tax policies in OECD countries and identifies options for reform. The study starts with an overview of recent housing market trends and challenges and an analysis of the distribution of housing assets. It then examines the different types of taxes that are levied on housing in OECD countries, assessing their efficiency, equity and revenue effects. It also evaluates the role of specific tax policy instruments in addressing current housing challenges. Based on the assessment, the study outlines a number of reform options that governments could consider to enhance the design and functioning of their housing tax policies.

Revenue Statistics in Asia and the Pacific 2022 Strengthening Tax Revenues in Developing Asia

This annual publication compiles comparable tax revenue statistics for Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Cook Islands, Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nauru, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Thailand, Tokelau, Vanuatu and Viet Nam. It also provides information on non-tax revenues for selected economies. Based on the OECD Global Revenue Statistics database, the publication applies the OECD methodology to Asian and Pacific economies to enable comparison of tax levels and tax structures on a consistent basis, both among the economies of the region and with other economies worldwide. This edition includes a special feature on strengthening tax revenues in developing Asia. The publication is jointly produced by the OECD's Centre for Tax Policy and Administration and the OECD Development Centre, in co-operation with the Asian Development Bank, the Pacific Island Tax Administrators Association and the Pacific Community.

OECD Tax Policy Reviews: Colombia 2022

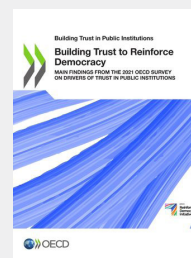
This report is part of the OECD Tax Policy Reviews publication series. The Reviews are intended to provide independent, comprehensive and comparative assessments of OECD member and non-member countries' tax systems or zoom in on a specific tax policy topic. This report provides an in-depth assessment of Colombia's tax expenditure reporting practices and makes specific recommendations as to how the measurement of tax expenditures and their reporting can be improved. In particular, the review introduces a benchmark for the corporate and personal income tax and the value-added tax and calculates revenue forgone from income tax expenditures.

Governance

Building Trust to Reinforce Democracy

Main Findings from the OECD Survey on Drivers of Trust in Public Institutions

What drives trust in government? This report presents the main findings of the first OECD cross-national survey of trust in government and public institutions, representing over 50,000 responses across 22 OECD countries. The survey measures government performance across five drivers of trust -- reliability, responsiveness, integrity, openness, and fairness -- and provides insights for future policy reforms. This investigation marks an important initiative by OECD countries to measure and better understand what drives people's trust in public institutions – a crucial part of reinforcing democracy.



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The Regulation of Lobbying in Quebec, Canada Strengthening a Culture of Transparency and Integrity

This report provides an analysis of the framework in place to strengthen the transparency and integrity of lobbying in Quebec, Canada. The report also assesses the reform project proposed by the Commissioner of Lobbying in 2019, by benchmarking it against the OECD Recommendation on Principles for Transparency and Integrity in Lobbying, as well as good practices in OECD countries. The report highlights how to address governance concerns related to lobbying, and identifies concrete and tailored solutions to further strengthen a culture of transparency and integrity in the policy-making process.



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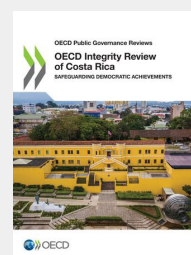
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OECD Integrity Review of Costa Rica Safeguarding Democratic Achievements

Costa Rica is seeking to consolidate democratic gains to safeguard trust in government and build economic resilience. This Integrity Review looks at how Costa Rica can translate its recent National Strategy for Integrity and Prevention of Corruption into a concrete and coherent integrity policy. It also reviews the framework for managing conflict of interest and considers how best to address the lack of regulation on lobbying and promote integrity and transparency in all activities aimed at influencing public decision making. Finally, the Integrity Review analyses Costa Rica's disciplinary enforcement system, with a view to reinforcing the credibility and effectivity of its integrity policies.



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Education

Who Cares about Using Education Research in Policy and Practice? Strengthening Research Engagement

Across the OECD, enormous effort and investment has been made to reinforce the quality, production and use of education research in policy and practice. Despite this, using research in education remains a challenge for many countries and systems. The OECD launched the Strengthening the Impact of Education Research project to respond to this challenge.

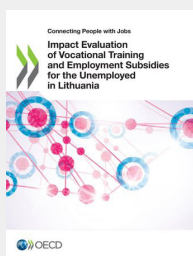
This publication reports on the first phase of the project. It maps the various structures, processes, actors and relationships that reinforce the quality, production and use of education research in policy and practice. The publication brings together leading experts who provide insights into recent research and international experience gathered from both policy and practice, including from other sectors such as health, agriculture and environment.

The publication provides a first set of analyses of data collected from over 30 systems through an OECD survey. It describes the mechanisms used to facilitate research use in education policy and practice, and the levels of engagement of various actors in these processes. By mapping the drivers of, and barriers to, using research systematically and at scale, the publication sets out an agenda for future inquiry. It can be a resource for policy makers, educational leaders, teachers and the research community.

Employment

Impact Evaluation of Vocational Training and Employment Subsidies for the Unemployed in Lithuania

This report on Lithuania is the tenth country study published in a series of reports looking into how policies connect people with jobs. This report is produced in the framework of a project of the OECD with the European Commission which aims to raise the quality of the data collected and their uses in the evaluation of the effectiveness of active labour market policies (ALMPs). The report uses rich administrative data from different registers in Lithuania to evaluate the impact of two types of ALMPs: employment subsidies and vocational training for unemployed people. The analysis examines the outcomes of the selected ALMPs beyond just the probability of employment and different population groups are affected. Finally, the report makes recommendations for improving the effectiveness of Lithuania's ALMPs and strengthening the capacity of the Lithuanian authorities in conducting ALMPs impact evaluations.



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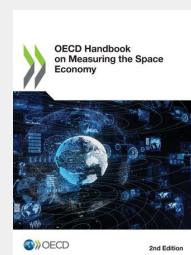
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Science and Technology

OECD Handbook on Measuring the Space Economy, 2nd edition

Much has changed in the space economy over the past decade, with an ever-growing number of countries and business enterprises involved in space activities. Despite progress made in the quality and availability of data, the international comparability of space economy statistics remains limited. A decade after its first publication, it is therefore time to provide an up-to-date revision of the OECD Handbook on Measuring the Space Economy to reflect the changing landscape of space activities, space technologies and subsequent evolving user needs. This new edition aims to encourage and facilitate data collection among both incumbents and new actors involved in space activities, respond to the needs of the public agencies that still fund the bulk of space programmes, and support industry and private decision-takers who will also benefit from improved statistics on the space economy.



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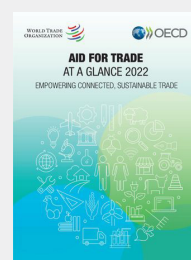
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Development

Aid for Trade at a Glance 2022

Empowering Connected, Sustainable Trade

This report analyses the evolution of Aid for Trade flows in a context marked by crises of unprecedented magnitude, with significant impacts on trade and investment. Under the theme “Empowering Connected, Sustainable Trade”, it shows that Aid for Trade was an important tool in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, and can help address emerging challenges, such as the environmental and digital transitions while ensuring that no one is left behind. Recent data indicate that a shift is under way to put sustainability, including green transition and women’s empowerment, at the heart of Aid for Trade, and point to its potential to support an inclusive and sustainable recovery.



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SME Policy Index: Western Balkans and Turkey 2022

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are essential drivers of sustainable economic growth in the Western Balkans and Turkey, where they make up 99% of all firms, generate 65% value added and account for 75% of employment. Nevertheless, SMEs across the region continue to face obstacles such as difficulties accessing financing, low levels of digital uptake, regulatory barriers and relatively low participation in international trade. The situation has been further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic: SMEs found themselves fighting for survival amidst reduced demand, lockdowns and travel restrictions, and supply chain disruptions.

This report provides an overview of the implementation of the Small Business Act for Europe during the period 2019-22. It is designed to help policy makers design, implement and monitor policies to support the recovery of SMEs from the pandemic, boost their competitiveness based on OECD and EU good practices, and further enhance the region’s economic growth and resilience.



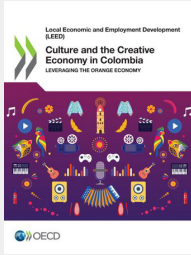
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Urban, Rural and Regional Development

Culture and the Creative Economy in Colombia Leveraging the Orange Economy

In 2017, Colombia launched a novel public policy to stimulate the creative economy, building on the success of previous policy initiatives to support the cultural and creative sectors. The Orange Economy policy is unique for its transversal approach to supporting the creative economy and mainstreaming culture across diverse policy portfolios, beyond cultural policy. The report provides a comparative overview of Colombia's culture and creative sectors relative to OECD peers and reviews progress in policy implementation. It provides a specific focus on Colombia's push to foster creative districts as tool for local development across the country, including policy examples based on nine districts across the globe. The report maps the financial ecosystem for the creative economy in Colombia. Recommendations draw on international good practice to suggest ways Colombia can best leverage creative economy opportunities.

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