



## ■ What's the issue?

How can governments deliver on the mandate to provide public services across territories efficiently, especially in places with low density facing depopulation and ageing?

## ■ Why attend?

To help policy makers meet this challenge, the OECD has launched a new stream of work: [Preparing Regions for Demographic Change](#). The OECD-JRC joint report [Access and Cost of Education and Health Services](#) provides fine-grained, present and future estimates and analysis of the cost and access to education and health services in 27 EU countries and the United Kingdom. It complements the first report [Delivering Quality Education and Health Care to All](#) which focused on policies and good practices. The event will also launch an [interactive tool](#) for visualising and downloading the data for municipalities, regions and countries.

The event will discuss the role of policies in mitigating the effects of demographic change on service provision as well as present key insights from the report and a companion data tool. An international panel of experts will discuss evidence-based policies to ensure efficient and equitable service provision in rural regions, followed by a Q&A on the opportunities and challenges of service provision in OECD regions.

## ■ When?

June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021, from 15:00 to 16:30 CET

## ■ Where?

The event will be virtual (Zoom)

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# Agenda

<b>14:50-15:00</b>	<b>Registration</b> <i>(please join the meeting 10 minutes before the start)</i>
	MODERATOR <b>Dorothee Allain-Dupré</b> , Head, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance Division, OECD
<b>15:00-15:05</b>	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b>
<b>15:05-15:20</b>	<b>Policies for service provision in the context of demographic change</b>
	SPEAKERS <b>Stephen Quest</b> , Director General, European Commission's Joint Research Centre (video intervention) <b>Nadim Ahmad</b> , Deputy Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD
<b>15:20-15:35</b>	<b>Presentation of the report and launch of the interactive tool</b>
	SPEAKERS <b>Ana Moreno Monroy</b> , Economist, Regional and Rural Policy Unit, OECD <b>Chris Jacobs-Crisioni</b> , Researcher, European Commission's Joint Research Centre <b>Mert Kompil</b> , Researcher, European Commission's Joint Research Centre
<b>15:35-16:05</b>	<b>Policy panel on efficient and equitable service provision in rural regions</b>
	SPEAKERS <b>Sverker Lindblad</b> , Senior Advisor, Division for Regional and Rural Development, Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation, Sweden <b>Tiit Oidjärv</b> , Deputy Head of Department, Ministry of Finance, Estonia <b>Tatjana Kiilo</b> , Head, Analysis Department, Ministry of Education and Research, Estonia <b>Josefina Montero Reyes</b> , Director, Rural Development Department, Chile
<b>16:05-16:20</b>	<b>Open discussion</b>
<b>16:20-16:30</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>
	SPEAKERS <b>Sabrina Lucatelli</b> , Vice-Chair, Working Party of Rural Policy, OECD <b>Lewis Dijkstra</b> , Head, Economic Analysis Sector, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

## About the OECD Regional and Rural Development Unit

Rural areas have a variety of different characteristics and geographies - from well-served communities near urban areas to remote sparsely populated places with limited access to basic services - as well as differing cultures. Our work aims to strengthen and support the economies and inhabitants of all types of rural area and reinforce their resilience in a fast-changing world.

For more information, visit our website: <http://www.oecd.org/regional/rural-development/>

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