

FTA ADVANCED ANALYTICS NETWORK

Content and Background

Following, inter alia, a successful conference held in 2011 in Dublin on the 'Use of Advanced Analytics in Tax Administrations', the network of advanced analytics practitioner countries is being established as a formal sponsored network within and for the OECD Forum on Tax Administration.

Membership

Membership will comprise representatives from each of the participant countries who attended the Dublin conference in 2011 and other FTA member countries as they may wish. Member personnel will primarily be analytics practitioners within their own organisation, along with senior business managers responsible for or knowledgeable in the application of analytics.

Tasks

The network will focus on, but not be restricted to, the following tasks:

- **Sharing Expertise:** Members will share their expert knowledge and offer insights from their successes and challenges in the application of advanced analytics in their work in tax administration.
- **Identifying Best Practice:** The network will focus on successful application of analytics to business processes in tax administration. It is envisaged that where possible the tools and techniques will be shared within the network.
- **Identify new trends and opportunities:** The network will serve as a source of new ideas in the application of analytics, as identified by members from within the network but also from trends in the private sector and academia.
- **Support work of other groups:** Analytics has an increasing potential application across all areas of tax administration. The network will function as an enabler to support the work of other groups within the FTA.
- **Guidance notes:** Occasionally the network may prepare for FTA members relevant guidance notes on particular topics of interest.

Methods

The network may use the following methods to further its work:

- **Quarterly Telephone Conferences:** These will facilitate discussion on a number of prearranged topics, as well as allow members to update each

other on their current work and progress. The minutes of the calls will be stored on the secure section of the OECD website created for the network.

- **Bi-Annual Conference:** A biannual 'Advanced Analytics Conference' will be held in spring or autumn every two years, commencing in 2014. This conference will allow members to showcase their work, participate in workshops and strengthen the network. Private sector vendors may be invited to participate and contribute to the events.
- Resource materials such as relevant documents and web links will be placed on the secure section of the OECD website, and a wiki will be made available for members to keep in contact and share insights and best practice on an on-going basis.
- The network will liaise with other groups involved in similar work (Fiscalis, IOTA etc.) to ensure an exchange of information and to co-ordinate work programmes to maximise efficiency.

Sponsorship

The network will be sponsored by the FTA Commissioner representative from Ireland.

Contact points

The principal contact points for the network will be the OECD Secretariat and a nominated member from the sponsoring member country.