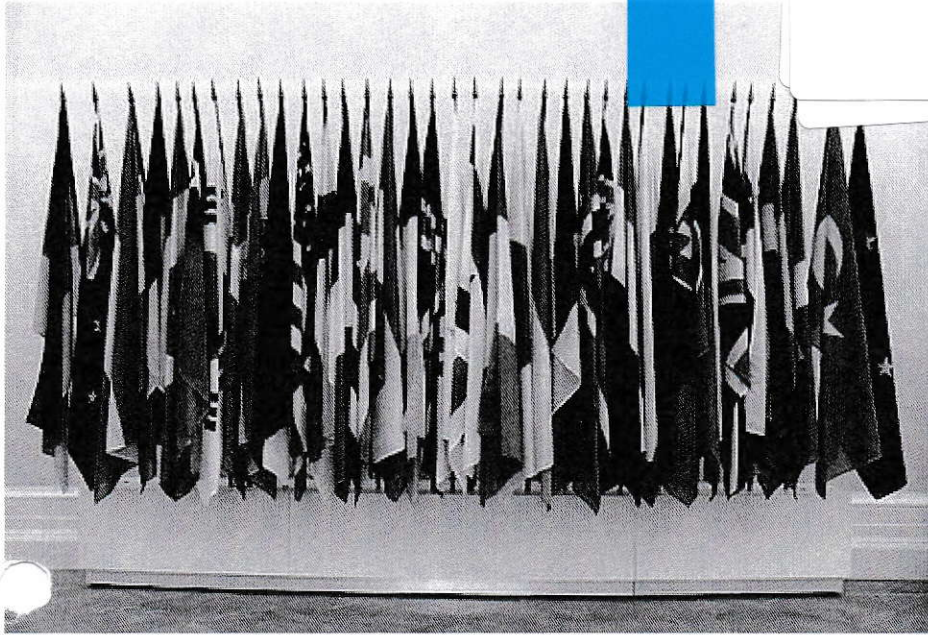


About the OECD



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History: established in 1961

Headquarters: Paris, France

Membership: 36 countries

Budget: EUR 374 million

OECD Secretary-General: Angel Gurría

Secretariat staff: 2 500

Publications: 250 new titles/year

Annual report

OECD Observer

OECD Yearbook

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Our mission

The mission of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is to promote policies that will improve the economic and social well-being of people around the world.

The OECD provides a forum in which governments can work together to share experiences and seek solutions to common problems. We work with governments to understand what drives economic, social and environmental change. We measure productivity and global flows of trade and investment. We analyse and compare data to predict future trends. We set international standards on a wide range of things, from agriculture and tax to the safety of chemicals.

We also look at issues that directly affect everyone's daily life, like how much people pay in taxes and social security, and how much leisure time they can take. We compare how different countries' school systems are readying their young people for modern life, and how different countries' pension systems will look after their citizens in old age.

Drawing on facts and real-life experience, we recommend policies designed to improve the quality of people's lives. We work with business, through the Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD ([BIAC](#)), and with labour, through the Trade Union Advisory Committee ([TUAC](#)). We have active contacts as well with other civil society organisations. The common thread of our work is a shared commitment to market economies backed by democratic institutions and focused on the wellbeing of all citizens. Along the way, we also set out to make life harder for the terrorists, tax dodgers, crooked businessmen and others whose actions undermine a fair and open society.

Today, we are focused on helping governments around the world to:

- Restore confidence in markets and the institutions that make them function.
- Re-establish healthy public finances as a basis for future sustainable economic growth.
- Foster and support new sources of growth through innovation, environmentally friendly 'green growth' strategies and the development of emerging economies.
- Ensure that people of all ages can develop the skills to work productively and satisfyingly in the jobs of tomorrow.

Further reading

- [Secretary-General's Annual Report to Ministers 2018](#)
- [Strategic Orientations of the Secretary-General 2018 \(pdf\)](#)
- [OECD 50th Anniversary Vision Statement \(pdf\)](#)
- [OECD Forum: see short video \(5 minutes\)](#)
- [OECD Greening Report 2018 New!](#)

The OECD's core values

- **Objective:** Our analyses and recommendations are independent and evidence-based.
- **Open:** We encourage debate and a shared understanding of critical global issues.
- **Bold:** We dare to challenge conventional wisdom starting with our own.
- **Pioneering:** We identify and address emerging and long term challenges.
- **Ethical:** Our credibility is built on trust, integrity and transparency.