

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

THE DRAFT OECD DECLARATION ON PUBLIC SECTOR INNOVATION

WHAT IS THE DRAFT OECD DECLARATION ON PUBLIC SECTOR INNOVATION?

- The Draft OECD Declaration on Public Sector Innovation is a set of principles that can be adopted by individual governments to affirm the importance of innovation and to help them to develop or refine their innovation strategies.
- As a document, the Declaration is an OECD instrument which sets general principles and long-term goals. Individual governments, acting together in the OECD framework, adopt them.

WHY DID WE CREATE IT?

- Governments do innovate, yet the maturity of innovation around the world is uneven. Innovation is often sporadic, not always well supported and is generally difficult to embed as a practice. An OECD Declaration can help direct attention to innovation and signal the need for a more robust and deliberate approaches to it.

This is because a Declaration can:

- Signal the importance of innovation and encourages governments to see innovation as a possible, viable option to policy challenges.
- Create a language around ways to approach common innovation challenges.
- Provide a framework to configure different types of innovation initiatives.
- Recognise that there are different kinds of innovation, suited to different kinds of goals or outcomes, and set out how multi-faceted innovation could be managed.



HOW CAN GOVERNMENTS USE IT?

- Governments can use the Declaration to direct attention and build support for new ways of doing things and to bolster, refine or assist the planning of their innovation agenda and portfolio of innovation activity.



For example, the principles included in the Declaration could:

- Be used to structure conversation on innovation approaches at the individual or organisational level.
- Form part of the design of central or sectoral innovation strategies and programs.
- Guide the direction of training plans or capacity building initiatives.
- Be used for practical guidance or material to support innovators.

- The Declaration is not prescriptive. Governments should make the principles manifest in ways that are relevant and useful to their specific country and administrative contexts.

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HOW CAN I SHAPE IT?

- You, or your organisation, can shape the content of the Draft Declaration by participating in the public consultation. It is online and open until **22nd of February 2019**. We'd like to hear your thoughts on the principles and related illustrative activities and if they can help create space for innovation for you and for your organisation.



Tell us:

- Whether you agree on the principles underpinning the Declaration, and if we have missed anything important.
 - Whether you agree on the related activities under each principle or whether we have missed anything.
 - How we can improve the Declaration more broadly.
- The public consultation is open to everyone who has a stake in how the public sector can do things differently, for the benefit of its citizens. You can provide comments as an individual, or collate them on behalf of a group or an organisation.



HOW DOES THE ONLINE CONSULTATION PLATFORM WORK?

- The Draft OECD Innovation Declaration is available online in English and French.
- Go to the public consultation platform and create a profile (this can be an individual profile or a group one). (<https://oe.cd/innovationdeclaration>)

You can:

- Make general comments/ reflections in the generic comment box underneath all of the Draft Declaration text.
- Make specific comments by highlighting the part of the Declaration text you wish to comment on, and enter your comments in the comment box that pops up.

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HOW CAN I SHOW MY SUPPORT?

- We created this Declaration on Public Sector Innovation to affirm that governments need to find new ways of contending with complex challenges, if it is continue to serve citizens well.
- If you support this aim and want to show that you have participated in the consultation, take a photo of yourself holding the 'Declare to Innovate' poster and tweet it to us @OPSIgov.

