



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
Directorate General for Structural Reform Support

8th HIGH-LEVEL MEETING OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE

Meeting details: Hybrid meeting. *Please note that there will be no simultaneous interpretation due to interactive nature of the event.*

Venue: Building 17 Collabspace, JRC, Ispra, Italy

DATE: 1-2 October 2024

CHAIR: Kjartan BJÖRNSSON, Deputy Director and Head of Unit B.2

MEETING AGENDA

Objectives of the meeting:

- a) *Apply innovative techniques for the design and effective implementation of public policies. The ultimate objective is to enhance the administrative capacity of the Member States and identify support needs which are addressed through the ComPact activities or TSI requests. Removing barriers to the implementation of EU policies and reduction of administrative burdens can also contribute to increasing the competitiveness of the EU as a whole.*
- b) *Increase awareness for good practices on inclusive policy-making and participatory approaches through citizens' engagement.*
- c) *Update on ComPact implementation plan and ComPact conference.*

1st DAY

1 October

	Registration of in-person participants		8:30-9:00
1)	<p>Welcome and ComPact/TSI update</p> <p><i>This session will provide an overview of the objectives of the meeting and give a brief update on ComPact implementation plan and the conclusions of the June Conference</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on ComPact overall implementation and the June Conference, Kjartan BJÖRNSSON and Johannes BOERMANN, DG REFORM• Update from ComPact thematic leaders (Centres of Excellence), Luísa NETO, National Institute of Administration (<i>online</i>)• Update on ComPact indicators, Mina SHOYLEKOVA, DG REFORM <p>Q&A session</p>	Kjartan BJÖRNSSON, DG REFORM	9:00-9:45

2)	<p>Exploring mega-trends for more resilience and agility in policy making</p> <p><i>In a practical workshop with the Commission Competence Centre on Foresight, the Expert Group Members will apply the Megatrends Assessment to explore the policy implications of all defined Megatrends on the twin (green & digital) transition in public administration.</i></p> <p><i>The discussion will underpin the implementation of the ComPAct, notably in relation to skills for future-proof policymaking and capacity for green transition. The reflections will help identify support needs to be addressed through the TSI.</i></p>	Yannick DUJARDIN, EU Policy Lab: Foresight , Design, Behavioural Insights of the Joint Research Centre (JRC)	9:45-12:45
	Lunch break		12:45-13:45
3)	<p>Science for Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New developments in the science-for-policy landscape. How to trustworthily communicate with the public 	David MAIR, JRC	13:45-14:15
4)	<p>Behavioural insights - design for policy: identifying and overcoming barriers to policy implementation</p> <p><i>This session will reflect on implementation barriers including such linked to behavioural biases. It will build on the conclusions of the June ComPAct conference and look to reinforce the implementation of EU legislation. Follow up actions can include concrete support from the European Commission, incl. through additional support measures under the TSI, a survey on implementation barriers, etc.</i></p>	Marion DUPOUX, EU Policy Lab: Foresight , Design, Behavioural Insights of the Joint Research Centre (JRC)	14:15-16:45
5)	On-site visit to Europa Science Experience of the JRC	Matteo FORNARA, JRC	17:00-18:30
	<p>Dinner</p> <p>Hotel Ponti Piazza Garibaldi 21, Angera</p>		20:00-22:00

2nd DAY

	Welcome coffee-registration of in-person participants		8:30-9:00
1)	<p>Inclusive policy-making - participatory approaches</p> <p><i>The session will showcase good Commission and Member States practices, including legal basis, methods, and tools to engage citizens in policymaking, with a focus on youth. It will include also a discussion about enablers of citizen participation at public administrations level.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Engaging citizens in policymaking. Rationale, Legal basis and capacity building”, Ângela GUIMARÃES PEREIRA and Elisa VECCHIONE, JRC • “A new chapter in European Democracy”, Silke TOENSHOFF, Committee of Regions (<i>online</i>) • “Strong Citizen Participation is an essential backbone of democratic governance necessary to support trust in public institutions - How OECD has been supporting public institutions”, David GOESSMANN, OECD • Testimonials of citizen engagement processes from: The case of Tolosa (Ione ARDAIZ, Arantzazulab) and The case of Emilia Romagna (Daniela FERRARA, Regione Emilia-Romagna) (<i>online</i>) <p><i>Q/A session</i></p> <p><i>Participatory session in break out rooms – questions to be addressed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What types of support public administrations need to implement participatory governance?</i> • <i>Who needs to be involved?</i> • <i>What is urgent action?</i> 	David MAIR, JRC	9:00-11:00
	Coffee break		11:00-11:15
2)	Civic participation in the digital age – Austria example	Thomas PAPPENSCHELLER, Civil Service and Administrative Innovation	11:15-11:30
3)	Generative AI in public administration (<i>online</i>)	Ivana ZEPPA, DG CNECT	11:30-12.00

4)	Next ComPAct conference <i>Joint reflection on what topics should be prioritised for the 2025 ComPAct conference</i>	Kjartan BJÖRNSSON, DG REFORM	12.00-12:30
5)	Concluding remarks and next Expert Group meetings <i>Tentative calendar of 2025 Expert Group meetings</i>	Kjartan BJÖRNSSON, DG REFORM	12:30-13:00
	<i>Lunch break</i>		13:00-14:00

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