



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Directorate General for Structural Reform Support

5th HIGH-LEVEL MEETING OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE

Meeting details: Hybrid meeting with simultaneous interpretation in 3 languages EN-FR-DE

Venue: Dublin Castle

DATE: 12-13 October 2023

CHAIR: Mario NAVA, Director General, Directorate General for Structural Reform Support, DG REFORM

MEETING AGENDA

Objective: The objective of the meeting is to:

- a) introduce fundamental concepts and the problematic around the importance of evidence-informed policymaking and the relevant policy of the Commission including tools and key enablers such as access to data;*
- b) exchange views and practices on thematic perspectives drawing on case studies, diagnostic analysis and methodologies for measuring capacity in evidence-informed policymaking; and*
- c) present the potential use of artificial intelligence in public administration, in general, to support implementation, compliance and policy making activities.*

The exchanges of views will be based on discussion papers to be circulated ahead of the meeting. Experts will be invited to share their views in response to the questions raised in these discussion papers.

1st DAY

12th October

	Welcome coffee-registration of in-person participants		8:30-9:00
1)	Introductory remarks: - Minister of State for European Affairs and Defence, Mr Peter BURKE T.D. - Daniele DOTTO, Deputy Director, DG REFORM		9:00-9:20
2)	Evidence-informed policymaking – Policy, processes, and tools <i>Exchange of views based on a discussion paper and</i>	Athina MANTA, Policy Officer, DG REFORM	9:20-10:50

	<i>presentations.</i> • “The Better Regulation Agenda of the European Commission: key stages of the policy-making process”, Secretariat General, European Commission - Antonina CIPOLLONE, Head of Unit • “From evidence-informed policymaking to Science for Policy”: understanding of key concepts, tools and enablers, including anticipating future change and challenges (strategic foresight), use of evidence in policy evaluation, behavioural insights for policy design and implementation, JRC, European Commission – David MAIR, Head of Unit • “Data for policy: digital-ready policymaking, data management and data access”, DG DIGIT, JRC, European Commission - Raul Joel Cardoso DOMINGOS, Project Officer (JRC) & Zsafia SZIRANYI, Programme Manager (DG DIGIT) Q&A session		
	Coffee break		10:50-11:15
3)	Evidence-informed policymaking in the Member States: Identifying and sharing good practice and challenges in a structured manner • “Setting the scene”: “Science for Policy ecosystems in support of evidence-informed policymaking. ➢ Introduction to the TSI multi-country project on building capacity on evidence-informed policymaking, DG REFORM, European Commission – Athina MANTA, Policy Officer ➢ Challenges and opportunities and the way forward for building capacity on evidence-informed policy making in the Member States, JRC, OECD – Kristian KRIEGER, Policy Analyst (JRC) & Claire SALAMA, Lead – Performance monitoring and evaluation, Public Management and Budgeting, Public Governance (OECD) ➢ Promoting a Whole of Government approach to Evidence Informed Policy Making, OECD – Stephane JACOBZONE, Senior Adviser, Public Management and Budgeting, Public Governance • <i>Evidence informed policy making in Ireland, Irish Government</i>, Ms Rowena DWYER, Head of the Irish Government Economic and Evaluation	Daniele DOTTO, Deputy Director, DG REFORM	11:15-12:15

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4)	Assessment frameworks for measuring capacity of Member States in Evidence-Informed Policy Making • Methodology, DG REFORM, European Commission – Mina SHOYLEKOVA, Head of Sector • Interactive discussion - comments by the Member States on the assessment methodology	Athina MANTA, Policy Officer, DG REFORM	12:15-12:45
	<i>Lunchbreak, incl. two group guided tours of Dublin Castle @ 13:30 for those interested</i>		12:45-14:00
5)	Interactive break-out sessions on Member States practices based on the TSI project “Building capacity for evidence-informed policymaking in governance and public administration in a post pandemic Europe” • Policy/legal frameworks and wider support systems for evidence-informed policymaking: ○ Lithuania - “Lithuania 2050” process – Justinas MICKUS, Senior Policy Analyst, STRATA Government Strategic Analysis Center ○ Latvia - Engaging with Citizens and Stakeholders to promote trust and identify relevant evidence: the case of the TAP Portal – Anna DEKSNE, Head of Public Administration Development Unit, State Chancellery of Latvia • Organisational networks and interactions for coordinated evidence use: ○ Czech Republic - the Government Analytical Unit – Deputy Minister for European Affairs, Marek HAVRDA ○ Belgium - Promoting connections between government and universities through mutual engagement and appropriate incentives for academics – Aziz NAJI, Coordinator of Research Programmes, Belgian Science Policy Office • Competences and skills needed for evidence-informed policymaking: ○ Greece - New “executive” courses – General Secretary, Evi DRAMALITI, General Secretariat of Coordination of the Greek government ○ Estonia - Innovation Team at the Government Office – Helelyn TAMMSAAR & Merilin TRUUVAART, Public Sector Innovation Team, Government Office of Estonia	Sandra GALLEGO GALAN, Policy Assistant, DG REFORM	14:00-16:00

	- Knowledge brokers: - The Netherlands - Scientific Council for Government Policy – Anne-Greet KEIZER, Research fellow and international liaison		
	Coffee break		16:00-16:15
6)	Plenary exchange on how REFORM/JRC and other Commission services can help address common challenges and foster learning <i>This session will gather the positions of the Members, based on the position papers and previous debates.</i>	Daniele DOTTO, Deputy Director, DG REFORM	16:15-17:00
7)	Central pillars of the Presidency's vision and supporting actions for science for policy in Europe, Spanish Presidency – Gonzalo AREVALO NIETO, General Director, Research Planning	Daniele DOTTO, Deputy Director, DG REFORM	17:00-17:10
	Conclusion of the works of the 1st day	Daniele DOTTO, Deputy Director, DG REFORM	17:10-17:30
	FORMAL DINNER The Chancery Grill, Radisson Blu Royal Dublin		19:00

2nd DAY

13th October

	Welcome coffee-registration		8:30-9:00
1)	Introductory remarks - Irish Minister of State for Public Procurement, eGovernment and Circular Economy, Mr Ossian SMYTH T.D. - Nathalie Berger, Director, DG REFORM	Daniele DOTTO, Deputy Director, DG REFORM	9:00-9:20
2)	Introduction to fundamental concepts of Artificial Intelligence - Gianluca MISURACA, Executive Director, AI4GOV	Sandra GALLEGO GALAN, Policy Assistant, DG REFORM	9:20-10:00
3)	Use of AI in the public administration <i>Exchange of views based on a discussion paper and presentations.</i> - What are its benefits and potential risks of adopting AI? What are the implications? JRC, DG DIGIT, European Commission - Sven SCHADE, Project Leader & Luca TANGI, Project Officer (JRC) - AI Act - How EU legislation supports the use of AI? DG CNECT, European Commission - Martin ULBRICH, Senior Expert - How to implement AI in the public administration? Strategy, organisational changes, procurement, competences and tasks, support mechanisms, tools, initiatives, DG CNECT, JRC, DG DIGIT, European Commission – Andrea HALMOS, Deputy Head of Unit (DIGIT), Sven SCHADE, Project Leader (JRC) & Luca TANGI, Project Officer (JRC) - Governance model of AI in the EC, DG DIGIT, DG HR, European Commission - Artur QUEIROZ, Deputy Head of Unit (DG DIGIT) & Stephen COLLINS, Acting Director (HR)	Athina MANTA, Policy Officer, DG REFORM	10:00-11:00
	Coffee break		11:00-11:30
4)	Use of AI in the Member States - Presentation of TSI projects linked to AI, DG REFORM, European Commission - Adrian Juan VERDEJO, Policy Officer - Exchange on experience and examples of MS,	Daniele DOTTO, Deputy Director, DG REFORM	11:30-13:00

	additional ideas and next steps ○ Estonia – Building AI-powered government: The Estonian experience - Ott VELSBURG, Government Chief Data Officer ○ Germany – Establishment of an Advisory Center for Artificial Intelligence (BEKI) - Karen TOPPE, Policy Officer, Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community ○ The Netherlands experience – Marilette van AS, Coordinator International Affairs ○ Spain – the Spanish Artificial Intelligence Supervision Agency - Clara MAPELLI MARCHENA, Director / Marta CRESPO CALZADA, Advisor, General Directorate of Public Governance		
	Concluding remarks	Mario NAVA, Director General, DG REFORM	13:00-13:15



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