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Questionnaire to Adherents for assessing the implementation, dissemination and continued relevance of the OECD Recommendation on Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development

This document presents a questionnaire intended for Adherents to the OECD Recommendation on Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development [OECD-LEGAL-0381]. The questionnaire was developed by the Secretariat to facilitate collection of information in the context of the reporting to the OECD Council in 2024 on the implementation, dissemination and continued relevance of this Recommendation.

Respondents are invited to submit their completed questionnaire by 21 November 2023 at PCSD.contact@oecd.org

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1. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE

1. In response to the international commitments under the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in 2019, the OECD Council revised the *Recommendation on Good Institutional Practices in Promoting Policy Coherence for Development* and re-named it as the *Recommendation on Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development* (PCSD) [[OECD/LEGAL/0381](#)] (hereafter “PCSD Recommendation”) on the joint proposal of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) and the Public Governance Committee (PGC).

2. The PCSD Recommendation includes a provision instructing the two committees to serve as a forum to exchange information on experiences with respect to the implementation of the Recommendation, and to report to Council on the implementation no later than five years after its adoption, and at least every ten years thereafter. Accordingly, the DAC and the PGC are required to report to the Council on the implementation, dissemination and continued relevance of the PCSD Recommendation by the end of 2024.

3. The aim of this questionnaire is to gather information from Adherents on the implementation, dissemination and continued relevance of the PCSD Recommendation, in support of the draft Report to the Council.

2. STRUCTURE AND ORGANISATION

4. The questionnaire is designed to assess the implementation of the substantive provisions of the PCSD Recommendation, covering the three pillars of the PCSD Recommendation:

- i. Strategic vision for achieving the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs in an integrated and coherent manner;
- ii. Effective and inclusive institutional mechanisms to address policy interactions across sectors and align actions among levels of government;
- iii. Responsive and adaptive tools to anticipate, assess and address domestic, transboundary and long-term impacts of policies to advance SDGs;

5. This questionnaire is circulated to the 39 Adherents to the PCSD Recommendation. Respondents are asked to submit a single response, co-ordinating internal inputs as needed across relevant agencies and departments. Where Adherents have **responded to the [2022 PCSD survey](#)** or have previously provided information as part of the OECD DAC peer review process, the **Secretariat has sought to include this information in the current questionnaire**, for updating and review by Adherents.

6. Respondents are asked to kindly complete this questionnaire as fully as possible in English or French and **return it to PCSD.contact@oecd.org by 21 November**. Respondents are kindly requested to provide links to or attach any relevant documentation or references (internal documents, guides, data, studies, articles, etc.), and to provide specific examples, to the extent possible.

7. For further assistance, information or advice in completing this questionnaire please contact: ernesto.soriamorales@oecd.org and elise.desplanques@oecd.org.

3. CONFIDENTIALITY AND USE OF THE DATA

8. In conducting this questionnaire, the OECD is committed to protecting the personal data it processes, in accordance with its [Personal Data Protection Rules](#). The OECD Development Co-operation Directorate and Public Governance Directorate are using this questionnaire to collect personal data, including your name, title, institution, and email address. The personal data collected will be used to follow-up with you as needed for clarification on information related to the topics of the questionnaire. Information collected will be stored in the OECD Public Governance Directorate's internal files and retained while work to support implementation of the DAC Recommendation continues. Access to collected data will be restricted to select OECD staff in the Public Governance and Development Co-operation Directorates.

9. Under the [Personal Data Protection Rules](#), you have rights to access and rectify your personal data, as well as to object to its processing, and to request erasure in certain circumstances. To exercise these rights in connection with this survey, please contact PCSD.contact@oecd.org. If you have further queries or complaints related to the processing of your personal data, please contact the OECD [Data Protection Officer](#). If you need further assistance in resolving claims related to personal data protection you can contact the [Data Protection Commissioner](#).

10. The substantive data collected through the questionnaire will be used for two specific purposes: to inform the reporting on the implementation of the PCSD Recommendation, and to identify lessons learnt, current gaps and good practices. Therefore, data referenced in the analysis of results - including as part of the report on implementation due to the Council in 2024 - and any related communication, will concentrate on showing aggregate figures and wider trends and on highlighting good practice examples.

Glossary

For the purpose of the PCSD Recommendation, the following definitions are used:

- **Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development (PCSD):** an approach to integrate the dimensions of sustainable development throughout domestic and international policy-making. Its objectives in the context of the 2030 Agenda are to advance the integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda by: (i) Fostering synergies and maximising benefits across economic, social and environmental policy areas; (ii) Balancing domestic policy objectives with internationally recognised sustainable development goals; and (iii) Addressing the transboundary and long-term impacts of policies, including those likely to affect developing countries;

- **Policy Coherence for Development (PCD):** a principle of International Development policy that aims to take into account the objectives of development co-operation in external and domestic policies in areas which are likely to affect developing countries;
- **Policy Integration:** a process by which institutions align their mandates, policies and sectoral objectives to the Sustainable Development Goals, and make their policy decisions taking into account the interactions (synergies and trade-offs) among economic, social and environmental areas with a view to addressing the multiple dimensions of sustainable development challenges in a more balanced manner;
- **Institutional and organisational mechanisms:** structures, systems, processes and working methods applied by the government across all branches and levels of government as well as by key stakeholders;
- **Stakeholder:** any interested and/or affected party, including: individuals and national, regional, or international institutions and organisations, whether governmental or non-governmental, and from civil society, foundations, academia, the media or the private sector.
- **Transboundary impacts:** Any effect – intended or not – originated in one country that crosses national borders through flows of capital, goods, human and natural resources, and that is able to affect positively or negatively the sustainable development prospects of another country.

QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OECD RECOMMENDATION ON POLICY COHERENCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Contact information of the person(s) who co-ordinated the response to this questionnaire

Please fill in the contact information below.

- a) Adherent Country: Click or tap here to enter text.
- b) Name of institution(s) leading the response to the questionnaire and responsibility in the Adherent's institutional set-up for managing work related to PCSD: Click or tap here to enter text.
- c) Name and title of the Adherent's focal point: Click or tap here to enter text.
- d) Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS BELOW, CHECKING THE BOX OF YOUR CHOSEN ANSWER, AND ELABORATING FURTHER WHERE RELEVANT. YOU WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO PROVIDE SUPPORTING EVIDENCE.

PART A. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUBSTANTIVE PROVISIONS OF THE PCSD RECOMMENDATION

Pillar I: A strategic vision for achieving the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs in an integrated and coherent manner (PCSD Recommendation, Section II. 1-3)

Political Commitment and Leadership

Q1. What action, if any, has been taken in the last five years to build political commitment and leadership on PCSD?

*(Please select all that apply and provide concrete examples for each response in the first box below. **Please also provide URLs that link to any supporting evidence** in the second box below.)*

- Named or set up a lead institution that is assigned leadership at the national level for promoting PCSD.
- Published written statements that defined the government's commitment to PCSD.
- Defined (whole-of-government) priority areas, actions and objectives for enhancing PCSD.
- Defined specific commitments on policy coherence for development (PCD) i.e. to consider the transboundary impacts of policies and regulations, including those likely to affect developing countries.
- Other (Please specify):
- No significant actions taken to build political commitment and leadership on PCSD.

Examples:**URLs for supporting evidence:**

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Strategic long-term vision

Q2. What actions, if any, have been taken in the last five years to define a long-term strategic vision that supports policy coherence and orients the government and stakeholders towards common sustainable development goals?

*(Please select all that apply and provide concrete examples for each response in the first box below. **Please also provide URLs that link to any supporting evidence** in the second box below.)*

- Developed a strategic long-term vision that defines desirable **sustainable development outcomes**.
- Developed a strategic long-term vision that **defines actions** to enhance **policy coherence**.
- Used long-term planning tools (such as strategic foresight, scenario development and systems thinking approaches) to support the development of a strategic long-term vision.
- Other (Please specify):
- No significant actions taken to define a long-term strategic vision for policy coherence.

Examples:**URLs for supporting evidence:**

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Policy Integration

Q3. What actions, if any, have been taken in the last five years to better integrate sustainable development into policy-making procedures?

*(Please select all that apply and provide concrete examples for each response in the first box below. **Please also provide URLs that link to any supporting evidence** in the second box below.)*

- The budgeting process is used as a tool to manage synergies and trade-offs between sectoral policies.
- Public procurement is used as a tool to integrate sustainable development into policy making.
- Planning documents by ministries need to reflect their contribution to sustainable development. For example, through the use of guidelines or regulations.
- Regional and territorial development have been integrated into sectoral policies to enhance synergies between long-term planning and SDG implementation.
- A whole-of-government approach has been applied to defining the contributions of ministries to international development objectives.
- Other (Please specify):
- No significant actions taken to better integrate sustainable development into policy.

Examples:

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URLs for supporting evidence:

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Q4. What actions, if any, have been taken in the last five years to better integrate sustainable development into finance?

*(Please select all that apply and provide concrete examples for each response in the first box below. **Please also provide URLs that link to any supporting evidence** in the second box below.)*

- The budgeting process is used as a tool integrate sustainable development into financial planning.
- Financing plans by ministries need to reflect their contribution to sustainable development. For example, through the use of guidelines or regulations.
- A whole-of-government approach has been applied to development finance, in order to diversify the resources beyond official development assistance that support sustainable development impacts.
- Other (Please specify):
- No significant actions taken to better integrate sustainable development into finance.

Examples:

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*Pillar II: Effective and inclusive institutional and governance mechanisms to address policy interactions
(PCSD Recommendation, Section III. 1-3)*

Whole-of-Government Coordination

Q5. What steps, if any, have been taken in the last five years to improve whole-of-government coordination and reduce divergences between different sectoral priorities and policies?

*(Please select all that apply and provide concrete examples for each response in the first box below. **Please also provide URLs that link to any supporting evidence** in the second box below.)*

- Establishment of formal governance arrangements that support effective communication between ministries and departments.
- Use of high-level coordinating mechanisms, whether located within the Centre of Government or a lead line ministry as appropriate, to promote PCSD across public institutions and central agencies.
- Capacity building for PCSD approaches within public administration.
- Establishment of clear mandates, capacities and mobilisation of adequate resources to mitigate divergences between sectoral priorities.
- Increased co-ordination between foreign and line ministries to support efforts on PCD and identifying and addressing transboundary impacts.
- Other (Please specify):
- No significant actions taken to improve whole-of-government coordination.

Examples:

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URLs for supporting evidence:

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Sub-National Engagement

Q6. Have you taken action in the last five years to strengthen engagement with sub-national levels of government in line with the provisions of the PCSD Recommendation?

*(Please select all that apply and provide concrete examples for each response in the first box below. **Please also provide URLs that link to any supporting evidence** in the second box below.)*

- Yes, support has been provided or tools developed to better apply PCSD to the legal frameworks of local and regional governments.
- Yes, support has been provided in the development of plans and actions for localising the SDGs.
- Yes, efforts have been made to better align national, regional and local policies with relevant economic, social and environmental goals.
- Other (Please specify):
- No significant actions taken to strengthen sub-national engagement.

Examples:

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URLs for supporting evidence:

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Stakeholder Engagement

Q7. What steps, if any, have been taken in the last five years to engage stakeholders in PCSD initiatives?

*(Please select all that apply and provide concrete examples for each response in the first box below. **Please also provide URLs that link to any supporting evidence** in the second box below.)*

- Exchanges on knowledge and expertise related to different policy areas with stakeholders. For example, through workshops.
- Increased efforts to raise public awareness and mobilise support on sustainable development and PCSD. For example, through global citizenship education, campaigns, policy dialogue, capacity building and information sharing.
- Specific efforts to engage marginalised and vulnerable groups in society, with the aim of advancing inclusive social and economic development.
- Other (Please specify)
- No significant actions taken to engage stakeholders in PCSD.

Examples:

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URLs for supporting evidence:

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Pillar III: A set of responsive and adaptive tools to anticipate, assess and address impacts of policies (PCSD Recommendation, Section IV. 1-2)

Policy and Financing Impacts

Q8. Have any steps been taken in the last five years to enhance analysis and assessment of policy and financing impacts through impact assessment practices?

*(Please select all that apply and provide concrete examples for each response in the first box below. **Please also provide URLs that link to any supporting evidence** in the second box below.)*

- Yes, impact assessment tools have been developed or built on to explicitly identify and assess potential positive and negative impacts of policies on sustainable development.
- Yes, impact assessment tools and practices have been adopted that specifically take into account transboundary impacts of policies, notably on developing countries.

- Yes, PCSD impacts are included in the information provided to Ministers or Parliament when new policies are enacted.
- Other (Please specify)
- No significant actions taken to enhance analysis and assessment of policy and financing impacts.

Examples:

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URLs for supporting evidence:

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Monitoring, Reporting, and Evaluation

Q9. Have actions been taken in the last five years to strengthen the process of monitoring and reporting progress on PCSD?

*(Please select all that apply and provide concrete examples for each response in the first box below. **Please also provide URLs that link to any supporting evidence** in the second box below.)*

- Yes, establishment (and publication) of regular reporting on progress on PCSD.
- Yes, identification and use of data and indicators to understand the country's contribution towards implementing the 2030 Agenda.
- Yes, regular monitoring and reporting on transboundary issues and/or integration into policy evaluations.
- Yes, a PCSD dimension is embedded in evaluation systems for decision making on sectoral policies.
- Other (Please specify)
- No significant actions taken to strengthen the process of monitoring and reporting for PCSD.

Examples:

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URLs for supporting evidence:

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