



## Impact of the Regional Development Policy Committee

The OECD's Regional Development Policy Committee (RDPC) governs the work of the Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE). The RDPC and CFE work to improve living standards and well-being in citizens from all regions, cities and rural areas by designing and implementing effective place-based policies:

<p><b>Informing the global policy debate on regional development</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Providing <a href="#">evidence and analysis</a> to inform global debates on regional, urban, rural and water policy, and subnational finance and multi-level governance.</li> <li>▪ Producing thematic and country review publications, including over <b>300</b> publications since 1999.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Providing a leading international forum for high-level regional development policymakers</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hosting over <b>180</b> OECD meetings : <b>45</b> of the RDPC, <b>26</b> of the Working Party on Rural Policy, <b>30</b> of the Working Party of Urban Policy, <b>41</b> of the Working Party on Territorial Indicators, <b>12</b> <a href="#">Rural Development Conferences</a>, <b>4</b> <a href="#">Ministerial Meetings</a> <b>7</b> of the <a href="#">Roundtables of Mayors and Minister</a>, <b>15</b> of the Water Governance Initiative, <b>3</b> of the Expert Group on Multi-Level Governance<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>
<p><b>Establishing standards to support regional development policymaking</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Developing policy standards, legal instruments and principles:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ <a href="#">OECD Council Recommendation on Effective Public Investment across Levels of Government</a></li> <li>▫ <a href="#">Ministerial Declaration on Policies for Building Better Futures for Regions, Cities and Rural Areas</a></li> <li>▫ <a href="#">OECD Principles on Rural Policy</a></li> <li>▫ <a href="#">OECD Principles on Urban Policy</a></li> <li>▫ <a href="#">OECD Principles on Water Governance</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Providing a leading source of internationally comparable regional, urban and rural data</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Providing internationally comparable subnational data on <a href="#">regions</a>, <a href="#">metropolitan areas</a>, <a href="#">rural areas</a> and <a href="#">subnational government finance</a>.</li> <li>▪ Innovating in data platforms through the <a href="#">Regions and Cities Statistical Atlas</a>, <a href="#">Regional Well-being</a>, <a href="#">Cities in the World</a>, <a href="#">Measuring the Distance to SDGs</a>, the <a href="#">Regional Recovery Platform</a> and the <a href="#">World Observatory on Subnational Government Finance and Public Investment</a>.</li> <li>▪ Establishing global data classifications and standards, including international definitions of urban areas (<a href="#">Functional Urban Areas</a>), taxonomies of metro and rural regions (<a href="#">Territorial Grid</a>)</li> <li>▪ Creating learning and networking opportunities among data users and data producers, including through the <a href="#">OECD Laboratory of Geospatial Analysis</a>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fostering international collaboration and informing multilateral dialogues</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Informing discussions at the G20, COP conferences and the G7, to increase the understanding of regional, urban, rural and water policy, multi-level governance and public investment, including the G20 Infrastructure Working Group.</li> <li>▪ Developing international networks for regional, urban and rural policy, including, for example, the <a href="#">Champion Mayors for Inclusive Growth</a> and the <a href="#">Mining Regions and Cities Initiative</a>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Working with countries, regions, cities and rural areas to support policy reforms</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Working with regions to produce reviews that support reforms and transformations to enhance the development of regions, cities and rural areas. This includes over 100 reviews since 1999.<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Number of meetings since the creation of RDPC in 1999 to February 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Territorial, Rural, Urban, Multi-level Governance and Water Governance Reviews





## Role of the Regional Development Policy Committee

Since its foundation in 1999, the RDPC has helped shape international debates on regional policy and made the case for place-based policies to support all regions and cities to achieve their potential and improve well-being. The OECD, through the RDPC, articulates the benefit of regional development policies and distils information on what works, and what doesn't. International, national and subnational government policymakers rely on the RDPC's evidence, analysis, data and knowledge to adopt effective place-based policy in their countries, regions, cities and rural areas.

The RDPC represents 38 OECD member countries, as well as key partner countries. It meets twice a year to direct the regional development related work undertaken by OECD, share current policy practices and provide input on work undertaken by the OECD. The RDPC has three working parties on urban policy, rural policy and territorial indicators. It oversees an expert group on multi-level governance and public investment, and the OECD Water Governance Initiative.

## Growing impact on regional, urban and rural policy, and multi-level governance

The RDPC has continued to increase awareness and engagement with its policy topics. Access to RDPC-related webpages, reports, datasets and social media has grown considerably in recent years.

<b>12%</b> year-on-year increase in unique website visitors to RDPC webpages in 2021	<b>4x</b> increase in annual publication downloads over 4 years	<b>4</b> RDPC datasets are among the top 3% of the most consulted on OECD.Stat	<b>300,000+</b> views of a COVID-19 note on <i>The Territorial Impact of COVID-19</i> (among the top notes) <sup>3</sup>
<b>185 000+</b> annual unique visits to RDPC-related webpages	<b>400 000+</b> annual iLibrary downloads of RDPC-related publications	<b>10 000+</b> twitter followers for CFE (@OECD_local)	<b>7 000+</b> LinkedIn followers for CFE

## Topics and outputs of the Regional Development Policy Committee

The RDPC tackles key policy topics relating to regional development through reports, studies and data covering the thematic areas covered in the OECD's Program of Work and Budget, including:

Key topics	Key outputs
Regional development	Regions and Cities at a Glance
Urban policy	Regional Outlook
Rural policy	Regional databases (Regional, Metropolitan, Wellbeing, Subnational government finance, Sustainable development goals)
Territorial indicators	Thematic studies
Multi-level governance	Country studies (Territorial, Rural, Urban, Multi-level Governance, Water Governance)
Subnational finance and public investment	Regional development papers
Water governance	Forums and meetings
Geospatial analysis	

<sup>3</sup> The territorial impact of COVID-19: Managing the crisis across levels of government had 300,000+ downloads up to November 2021).

