



Agenda

POLICY EVALUATION TO IMPROVE DECISION- MAKING IN BELGIUM

FINAL WORKSHOP

Brussels, 16 February

13h00 16h30

Hybrid event

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21BE18 Final Workshop

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Context

European societies face complex problems, such as addressing the policy challenges of climate change and of achieving climate neutrality of EU economies, and addressing the fiscal implications of a new international context, with the need to address the Post Covid challenges as well as the economic implications of the energy crisis. Recognising these challenges, the Belgian federal government has recently made important efforts to promote such an evidence-informed approach to decision-making. The recent implementation of Spending Reviews and the steps taken in the promotion of policy evaluations at the federal level through the project on *Policy Evaluation to Improve Decision Making in Belgium* undertaken as part of the TSI 21BE18, have participated to these efforts.

In this context, this workshop is to present the findings and recommendations of the OECD final report on improving policy evaluation for decision-making in Belgium. The workshop will serve to discuss options for strengthening the institutionalisation, quality and impact of public policy evaluations at the federal level in Belgium, drawing on international best practices. It will offer an opportunity for Belgian authorities to reflect on current plans and chart a way forward. It will consider the institutional implications of a well-functioning evaluation system, as well as the skills that need to be in place, and the data and capacity gaps to be addressed. The goal is to offer an overview of best practices and to offer an opportunity to draw the implications for the future.



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12:30 – 14:00 WELCOMING / LUNCH / COCKTAIL

Note: participants will be invited to participate in the lunch/cocktail organised to close the morning event organised to launch the project on Building capacity for evidence-informed policymaking in governance and public administration in a post-pandemic Europe, Belgium (22EL07).

14:00 – 14:20 INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

- **Nico Waeyaert** Chairman Federal Public Service Policy and Support, Belgium
- **Nathalie Berger**, Director, Directorate General for Support to Member State Reform (DG REFORM), European Union

14:20 – 15:10 INSIGHTS INTO QUALITY: INCREASING DEMAND FOR POLICY EVALUATION IN THE NETHERLANDS

- **Floor de Jager**, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Finance, Netherlands
- **Questions and answers**

14:10 – 15:30 *Coffee break*

15:30 – 16:20 MAIN FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON PUBLIC POLICY EVALUATION AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL IN BELGIUM

- **Claire Salama**, Lead – Performance monitoring and evaluation, Public management and budgeting division, OECD
- **Questions and answers**

16:20 – 16:30 CLOSING

- **Luc Mabile**, General Director, Budget and Policy Evaluation, Belgian Federal Public Service Strategy and Support

