

# **OECD – PEMPAL Cooperation on the Budget Survey**

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# Value of participation in the OECD Budget Practices and Procedures Database

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- Information on practices and procedures of all phases of the budget process (formulation, adoption, execution, accounting, reporting and audit)
- Current data cover 97 countries across the world
- Updated approximately every four years
- Comparative information available free on the web
- Permitting for extensive regional and international benchmarking
- Identification of innovations and good practices in budgeting
- The online database is widely utilised by government officials, researchers and other international organisations
- The results of the survey will be analysed and discussed in each of the regional OECD Senior Budget Officials networks



# Current surveys

Sub-surveys	OECD	Regions
Performance Budgeting Survey	Results presented/ discussed at the OECD SBO Performance and Results Network on 26-27 November 2012	Eastern Europe and Central Asia ? Latin America underway (IDB), Africa (CABRI), Asia (PEMNA) and MENA
Budgeting Procedures and Practices Survey	Survey deadline January 2013, quality control spring 2013. Results to be presented/ discussed at the OECD SBO meeting on 3-4 June 2013	Eastern Europe and Central Asia ? Africa and Latin America underway Asia and MENA in the line
Accountability and Control Survey	Questionnaire is being drafted. Planned to be sent out in the spring 2013. (To be discussed at the OECD SBO Accruals Network)	
Independent Fiscal Institutions Survey	Survey 2011. Recommendations to be discussed at the OECD Parliamentary Budget Office Network on 21-22 February 2013	



# Performance Budgeting Questionnaire

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1. Respondents' Information
2. Institutional Context and Recent Trends in Performance Budgeting
3. Types of Performance Information utilised in Budgeting and Implementation of Performance Budgeting Practices
4. Use of Performance Targets in Budgeting
5. Use of Performance Evaluations and Spending Reviews in Budgeting
6. Common Challenges to Performance Budgeting



# Budgeting Practices and Procedures Questionnaire

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## Respondents' Information

### I - General information

### II - Budget formulation

- 1 - Macroeconomics estimates and fiscal projections
- 2 - Fiscal rules
- 3 - Medium-term expenditures framework
- 4 - Executive budget negotiation
- 5 - Off-Budget expenditures (excluding PPPs)
- 6 - Public-Private Partnerships
- 7 - Budget transparency and participation

### III - Budget approval

### IV - Budget execution

- 1 - Expenditure flexibility
- 2 - Supplementary budgets
- 3 - Reserve funds



# Main responsibilities of the co-operating parties

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- OECD
  - Organise the on-line questionnaire
  - Send the final questionnaire/ glossary/ survey invitation to country contacts
  - Organise and finance quality control of the responses (August – October 2013)
  - Publish data in the OECD Budget Database
- PEMPAL/BCoP
  - Translate the survey documents into Russian and Bosnia-Serbo-Croatian
  - Provide contact details for respondents
  - Organise and finance a one-day workshop to discuss preliminary responses, e.g. back to back with the CESEE SBO meeting in Riga 27-28 June 2013
  - Translate survey responses into English
  - Assist to liaison with respondents to verify/clarify data
- To be decided
  - Sum up results in a descriptive or analytical report



# Survey time line

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- The EC of BCoP decides on any amendments of the questions shortly after the February meeting (PEMPAL in cooperation with the OECD) by mid March
- Translation of survey documents into Russian and Bosnia-Serbo-Croatian (PEMPAL) by early May
- The final questionnaire/survey invitation sent out to country contacts (by the OECD) by mid May
- Preliminary responses are discussed on a one-day workshop back to back with the CESEE SBO meeting in Riga in the last week of June (PEMPAL and OECD)
- Deadline for country responses end of July (entered into the on-line questionnaires as far as possible)
- Data cleaning and liaison with the responders as from the deadline until completion by mid November 2013 (3.5 months, OECD)
- A descriptive report on summary of results (tbd)



## Some PEMPAL members have already responded

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- The following PEMPAL member countries have filled out the questionnaires:
  - Albania (invited before this meeting)
  - Hungary (OECD member) (not BCoP member)
  - Russia (OECD accession country)
  - Turkey (OECD member)
- Delegates from Albania, Russia and Turkey are invited to share their experience



## Pilot experience

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- What is your experience of responding to the questionnaires?
- Were the questionnaires and the glossaries easily understandable?
- Was it time consuming to collect the answers?
- Are the surveys useful to your own country?
- Would you recommend other countries in the region to answer the survey?



## Next steps

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- Decide invitation to participate in the survey
- Decide need of amendments of the questionnaires (less is better for comparability)
- Translate questionnaires and glossaries
- Send out survey invitations to
  - Executive Committee members
  - All BCoP members
- Organise a workshop to discuss preliminary data



# Thank you!

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