



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Directorate General for Structural Reform Support

## 5<sup>th</sup> 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:** Castle of Dublin

**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.*

#### 1<sup>st</sup> DAY

12<sup>th</sup> October

	<b>Welcome coffee-registration of in-person participants</b>		8:30-9:00
1)	<b>Introductory remarks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DG REFORM</li><li>• Minister Peter Burke, Ministry of State for European Affairs and Defence</li></ul>		9:00-9:20
2)	<b>Evidence-informed policymaking – Policy, processes, and tools</b>  <i>Exchange of views based on a discussion paper and presentations.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>“The Better Regulation Agenda of the European Commission: key stages of the policy-making</b></li></ul>		9:20-10:50

	<p><b>process”, Secretariat General, European Commission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>“From evidence-informed policymaking to Science for Policy”</b>: understanding of key concepts, tools and enablers, including anticipating future change and challenges (strategic foresight), use of evidence in impact assessments and ex-post evaluation, behavioural insights for policy design and implementation”, JRC European Commission</li> <li>• <b>Data for policy: data management and data access</b>, DIGIT- JRC, European Commission</li> </ul>		
	<i>Coffee break</i>		10:50-11:15
	<p><b>Evidence-informed policymaking in the Member States: Identifying and sharing good practice and challenges in a structured manner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Exchange of views based on a discussion paper and presentations. “Setting the scene”</i>: “Science for Policy ecosystems in support of evidence-informed policymaking. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Introduction to the TSI multi-country project on building capacity on evidence-informed policymaking, DG REFORM, European Commission</li> <li>➢ Challenges and opportunities and the way forward for building capacity on evidence-informed policy making in the Member States, JRC, OECD</li> <li>➢ Promoting a Whole of Government approach to Evidence Informed Policy Making, OECD</li> <li>➢ Assessment/measurement frameworks, incl. Interactive discussion- comments by the Member States on the assessment methodology, DG REFORM, European Commission</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		11:15-12:45
	<i>Lunchbreak, incl. two group guided tours of Dublin Castle @ 13:30 for those interested</i>		12:45-14:00
	<b>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”.</b>		14:00-16:00
	<i>Coffee break</i>		16:00-16:15
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Plenary exchange</b> on how REFORM/JRC and other Commission services can help address common challenges and foster learning</li> </ul>	Daniele DOTTO DG REFORM	16:15-17:00

	<i>This session will gather the positions of the Members, based on the position papers and previous debates.</i>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research policy initiatives at EU level that aim at improving the policy frameworks in Member States in support of evidence-informed policymaking JRC, European Commission</li> </ul>		17:00-17:10
	<b>Conclusion of the works of the 1<sup>st</sup> day</b>	Daniele DOTTO DG REFORM	17:10-17:30
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FORMAL DINNER</b> hosted by the IE authorities</li> </ul>		

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2<sup>nd</sup> DAY

13th October

	<b>Welcome coffee-registration</b>		8:30-9:00
	<b>Introductory remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minister Ossian Smyth, Ministry of State, Public Procurement, eGovernment and Circular Economy</li><li>• Nathalie Berger, Director, DG REFORM</li></ul>		9:00-9:20
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to fundamental concepts of Artificial Intelligence</li></ul>		9:20-10:00
	<b>Use of AI in the public administration</b> <i>Exchange of views based on a discussion paper and presentations.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What are its benefits and potential risks of adopting AI? What are the implications? JRC, DG DIGIT, European Commission</li><li>• AI Act - How EU legislation supports the use of AI? DG CNECT/DG DIGIT, European Commission</li><li>• How to implement AI in the public administration? Strategy, including digital/AI-ready policy-making organisational changes, procurement, competences and tasks, support mechanisms, tools, initiatives, DG CNECT, JRC, DG DIGIT, European Commission</li><li>• Governance model of AI in the EC, DG DIGIT, European Commission</li></ul>		10:00-11:00
	<b>Coffee break</b>		11:00-11:30
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation of TSI projects linked to AI, DG REFORM, European Commission</li><li>• Exchange on experience and examples of MS, additional ideas and next steps</li></ul>		11:30-13:00
	<b>Concluding remarks</b>	Mario NAVA DG REFORM	13:00-13:15



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