OECD ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE REVIEWS

FOCUS ON THE SECOND CYCLE

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PROGRAMME ROOTS

MANDATE and HISTORY

- **1991 mandate OECD Ministerial meetings, G7 Summit**
- **1st cycle: 30 member countries reviewed**
- **2001 mandate update: OECD Ministerial meetings**
- **2nd cycle: 18 member countries reviewed**

PROGRAMME ROOTS

PEER REVIEWS

- A core OECD function (e.g. ECO, ENV, AID, ENERGY)
- WPEP (i.e. 30 countries representatives)
- Helping Governments judge, make progress
- Policy dialogue

ACCOUNTABILITY

- Domestic and international commitments
- Environmental credibility of governments (e.g. public opinion, other governments)

SUBSTANTIVE FOCUS

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTIVENESS and ECONOMIC EFFICIENCY

- **Regulatory instruments**
- **Economic instruments**
- **Institutional instruments**
- **Social instruments**
- **Financing**
- **Monitoring, enforcement**

SUBSTANTIVE FOCUS

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN PRACTICE

- **SD institutional arrangements**
- **Institutional integration**
  (e.g. strategic, planning, programming, budget, project levels)
- **Market-based sectoral integration**
  (e.g. prices, taxes, subsidies)

SUBSTANTIVE FOCUS

INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS

- **Global**
- **Regional**
- **Bilateral**
- **OECD Acts**

REFERENCE FRAMEWORK

ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

- **Effectiveness**
- **Efficiency**
- **Ambitious or modest objectives?**

REFERENCE FRAMEWORK

THE 3S

- **Objectives (aims, goals, targets)**
- **Performance (intentions, actions, results)**
- **Framework (pressure, state, response)**
- **Outputs (description, evaluation, prescription)**

REFERENCE FRAMEWORK

ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS

- **OECD indicators, CEI, KEI, SEI, DEI**
- **National indicators**
- **Only one tool**
- **Interpretation in context**
- **Inter-country comparison**

REFERENCE FRAMEWORK

PEER REVIEW PROCESS

- **Preparation stage**
- **Mission (by review team)**
- **Peer review (by WPEP)**
- **In country publication**
- **Follow-up and Monitoring (by reviewed country)**

REFERENCE FRAMEWORK

CHANGING POLICY FRAMEWORK

- **Sustainable Development**
- **OECD Environmental Strategy**
- **Follow-up on the 1st Cycle Recommendations**

REFERENCE FRAMEWORK

CHANGING TONE

- **Strengthened performance orientation**
- **Strengthened focus on institutional/market based integration**
- **More economic analysis**
- **More demanding**

OUTCOME

PRODUCTS

- **Published report, conclusions recommendations**
- **English/French/Third language**
- **Derived products (e.g. water, Σ C&R, achievements)**

OUTCOME

RECOMMENDATIONS

- About 50 recommendations on future directions
- Medium term, long term
- Commonly agreed, country specific
- 30 sets of recommendations with rolling, monitoring and revision

OUTCOME

INFLUENCE/OWNERSHIP/FOLLOW-UP

- **Press Conference (Minister, OECD officials)**
- **Parliament, Seminars**
- **Dissemination**
- **Voluntary government response**

OUTCOME

SECOND CYCLE REVIEWS

- Germany
- Iceland
- Portugal
- Norway
- Japan
- Slovakia
- Italy
- United Kingdom
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Austria
- Mexico
- Canada
- Spain
- Sweden
- France
- Chile
- Czech Rep.
- United States
- Korea
- New Zealand
- Australia
- Belgium
- China

OUTCOME

OUTREACH

- UN ECE
- UN ECLAC
- ADB/UNEP
- Russia, Bulgaria, Belarus
- Chile, China

SOME LESSONS

EFFECTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Pragmatic versus strategic**
- **Follow-up on implementation**
  - **Self-monitoring**
  - **Peer-monitoring**

SOME LESSONS

QUESTIONING

- **In Country Dialogue**
  - **Topic + questions in one/two sentences**
  - **Central questions**
  - **Sequencing of questions allowing multiple anwsers**
- **Examination questions**
  - **Peer review**
  - **Diversity**
  - **Free Exchange of views**

SOME LESSONS

COMMUNICATION

1. Influence
   - Via press/public
   - Via decision makers
2. Transfer of ownership
   - Press conference
   - Seminar
   - Dissemination
3. Partnership

REFERENCES

1st Cycle

1993 Germany**, Iceland, Norway, Portugal

1994 Japan** Unit. Kingdom, Italy**

1995 Netherlands, Poland* **, Canada, Austria**

1996 Unit. States**, N. Zealand Sweden

1997 Spain**, France, Korea** Finland

1998 Mexico**, Australia, Belgium, Switzerland**

1999 Denmark, Czech Rep.** Turkey**

2000 Hungary**, Greece** Luxembourg, Ireland

2nd Cycle

2001 Germany**, Iceland Norway, Portugal

2002 Japan**, Unit. Kingdom Italy**, Slovak Rep.**

2003 Poland**, Netherlands Austria**, Mexico**

2004 Canada, Sweden, Spain France

Non member countries

1996 Bulgaria* **

1997 Belarus* **

1999 Russia* **

2005 Chile* **

**In cooperation with UN/ECE or UN/ECLAC*

*** Also available in a 3rd language*