

The Catalan Panel (PaD) and Policy Evaluation

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"Initiatives of regional panels have been launched already in different OECD countries and proved to be useful for policy evaluation, especially if countries are strongly decentralised, or for global policy evaluation in much centralised countries. An example of the former is the PaD, a Catalan panel that has been running now for 5 annual waves by a team of very young professionals with limited, yet extremely efficient, resources. This Catalan panel is currently in the process of a big methodological revision and transformation for the better, and also in the process of being transferred to a newly created regional agency for policy evaluation. The methodological issues will be discussed in a brainstorming with top European experts. In this session, the characteristics of the panel, the outcomes of the brainstorming discussion and the decisions being implemented for the future of the Catalan panel will be presented."