



SESSION VI:

Next Steps – Launching a Sub-regional SMEPI Project for Central America



Presentation Outline



1. SMEPI Project Timeline



2. Outputs & Financing





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Project Timeline – Pacific Alliance & South America Subgroups

	2017							
Actividad / Mes	Mayo	Junio	Julio	Agosto	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Fase Inicial:								
La OCDE desarrolla un marco de evaluación inicial								
Los países proporcionan comentarios sobre el marco de evaluación	Taller							
Finalización y validación del marco de evaluación								
Evaluación								
Provisión de datos e información por parte de los países - autoevaluación.								
Evaluación de la información del autocuestionario por el equipo de investigación de la OCDE								
Llevar a cabo la evaluación independiente de FAEDPYME								
Comparación de los resultados de las autoevaluaciones con las evaluaciones independientes								
	2018							
	Enero	Feb	Mar	Abril	Mayo	Junio	Julio	
Los resultados:								
Comparación de los resultados de las autoevaluaciones con las evaluaciones independientes								
Validación de los resultados preliminares a nivel país								
Elaboración del borrador del informe a nivel regional								
Validación de los resultados preliminares a nivel regional								
Preparación, traducción y presentación final del informe								



Inception Phase

- Nomination of a **National coordinator**, in each country
- Development of **the Questionnaire**
- **Technical launch workshop** to review and validate the questionnaire
- **Finalisation of the questionnaire**



Assessment and Data Collection Phase

- Using the questionnaire, National Coordinators will work internally with relevant government officials **to assess country performance**;
- **Collect answers** from various relevant institutions in each of the countries via the National Coordinator
- **Independent assessment** can be conducted following the self-assessment, or in parallel



Country Results Phase

- **Analysis of the answers provided** by the Group of Experts
- Drafting of **preliminary country reports**, including preliminary scores, by the Group of Experts
- **Country-level workshops** in each of the countries to provide feedback and gather additional information



Regional Results Phase

- Development of initial conclusions, following country workshops and thorough revision of completed self-assessment questionnaires
- Drafting of the chapters of the final assessment publication
- Distribution of first summary report to National Coordinators
- Launch of final assessment publication at regional event





2. Outputs & Financing



Project Outputs

- **Final Publication**



- Comparable **Benchmarking** and Identification of Strengths and Weaknesses
- **Policy Dialogue** – Creation of SME Network
- Basis for future country-specific and regional projects to address revealed priority policy areas (**implementation and technical-assistance**)



What the OECD can offer

- Advice on adjusting the SME Policy Index methodology to the needs of the LAC countries;
- Active role as project coordinator in partnership with international and regional institutions, building on the previous SME PI applications;
- Analytical capacity and access to internationally recognized good practices in policy elaboration and implementation;
- Experience in managing multi-country, multi-dimensional assessments and in producing the final project report



What is Needed to Make this Project a Success?

- Local consultants for data collection and analysis
- Regional convening authority for project and capacity building workshops
- Analytical contributions by regional experts
- Lead institution in each country with dedicated team for data provision and workshop participation
- Funding of analytical team (review of data, writing of publication)
- Funding for publication translation and printing



Role of the National Coordinator

The Country Coordinator will support with :

- identifying the interlocutors in relevant ministries and agencies in your country and engaging them in the project;
- collecting data on the SME Policy Index indicators;
- organizing national meetings;
- helping on other coordination tasks to take the project forward as requested, under the guidance of the OECD team;
- providing feedback on the developed country chapter; and
- regular update on the state of the process.



Tentative Budget

Item	Months/units	Unit costs	Total
OECD Staff costs			220,000
Data Collection Consultants*			0
Missions (Videoconferences)*			50,000
Publication costs (publications in two languages)*			50,000
Centralised services + Grant administration charge			44,151
		TOTAL	361,769



Proposed Next Steps

1. Formal expressions of interest (Oct-Nov. 2017)
2. Identification of Funding (Dec.-Feb. 2018)
3. Development of Assessment Framework (March-August 2018)
4. Technical Launch Workshop with National Coordinators to Validate Assessment Framework (September 2018)
5. Release of Final Assessment (publication) – by end of 2019



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