



A platform to share and shape AI policies

The OECD AI Policy Observatory, launched on 27 February 2020, aims to help countries enable, nurture and monitor the responsible development of trustworthy artificial intelligence (AI) systems for the benefit of society. As an inclusive online platform for public policy on AI, the Observatory builds on the momentum of the OECD's *Recommendation of the Council on Artificial Intelligence* (OECD AI Principles), the first intergovernmental standard on AI. OECD countries adopted the AI Principles in May 2019, and a range of partner economies have since adhered to them. The OECD AI Principles also provided the basis for the G20 AI Principles endorsed by Leaders in June 2019.

The Observatory combines resources from across the OECD with those of partners from all stakeholder groups to provide a comprehensive database of AI policies from around the world, present multidisciplinary, evidence-based policy analysis on AI, and facilitate multistakeholder dialogue. The Observatory is oriented around three core attributes:



Multi-disciplinary

The Observatory works with policy communities across and beyond the OECD – from the digital economy and science and technology policy, to employment, health, consumer protection, education and transport policy – to consider the opportunities and challenges posed by current and future AI developments in a coherent, holistic manner.



Evidence-based analysis

The Observatory provides a centre for the collection and sharing of evidence on AI, leveraging the OECD's reputation for measurement methodologies and evidence-based analysis.



Global multi-stakeholder partnerships

The Observatory engages governments and a wide spectrum of stakeholders – including partners from the technical community, the private sector, academia, civil society and other international organisations – and provides a hub for dialogue and collaboration.

Data, policies and guidance

The Observatory features a real-time database of AI policies and initiatives, developed jointly with the European Commission, that countries and other stakeholders share and update, allowing users to compare key elements in an interactive manner. It also serves as a centre for policy-oriented evidence, debate and guidance for governments, with input from a broad spectrum of external actors. The Observatory will evolve to provide more resources on AI public policy topics; AI policies and initiatives; trends and data; and practical guidance on implementing the OECD AI Principles (Figure 1).

Fostering global dialogue and collaboration

Like computing, electrification, and the steam engine, AI is a general-purpose technology with transformative potential in a wide variety of sectors and with implications for the whole of society. In this increasingly active research and policy space, the OECD AI Policy Observatory provides a valuable reference for international dialogue and collaboration on AI public policy issues.

As an international organisation spanning almost every public policy topic, the OECD can provide multidisciplinary, evidence-based policy analysis on AI across the full range of economic and social policy issues, as well as metrics and measurement. The OECD's convening power and robust multi-stakeholder approach allows the facilitation of co-operation among the private sector, the technical community, civil society, academia, governments, the regulatory community and other international organisations. Moreover, the OECD's global reach allows countries and stakeholders to compare policy responses, learn from each other's experiences, monitor collective progress and develop good practices.

Figure 1 Components of the AI Policy Observatory



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