



## Fit for recovery and transition: Supporting Quality of Public Administration in the European Union Member States

### Public administration and the green transition: from strategy to operation for climate related reforms

Quality public institutions are crucial to achieve green goals, to address the climate crisis and the economic and societal transitions outlined in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). With a range of multidisciplinary tools, public administration enables the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Agenda, which is at the heart of EU policies. This workshop will explore the way in which public administration can support the deployment of European climate-related policies and their impact assessment and the concrete actions undertaken under the lead of relevant Directorates of the European Commission, external experts and projects' beneficiaries.

#### Agenda

14:50 – 14:55	Moderator's opening speech and panel presentation (Daniele Dotto - Deputy director <a href="#">Support to Member States Reforms</a> , Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support) - [5 min]
14:55 – 15:05	OECD opening remarks (Elsa Pilichowski - Director for Public Governance, OECD) - [10 min]
15:05 – 15:15	Presentation on Covenant of Mayors (Pavla Vidanová - Seconded National Expert, Directorate General Climate Action) [10 min]
15:15 – 15:30	DG REFORM support and lessons learnt in supporting green transition reforms in the Member states (Kaspar Richter - Head of Unit Sustainable Growth & Business Environment, Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support) [8 min] Concrete example of climate related reforms, TSI added value - just transition (Kristin Hedström - Green growth and Innovation at Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth) [7 min]
15:30 – 15:40	Presentation on "Greening the European Commission" (Christian Roques - Director Health & Wellbeing, Directorate-General for Human Resources and Security) [10 min]
15:40 – 15:50	Q&A session





## Speakers



**Elsa Pilichowski** - Director for Public Governance, OECD

Ms Pilichowski has more than 20 years' experience dedicated to public governance in OECD and Partner countries. She joined the OECD in 2000, in the Public Governance Directorate where she worked until 2012. She led projects and teams on Agencies, Public Employment and various governance issues. Ms Pilichowski then moved to the Global Relations

Secretariat in 2012 as project manager and then Deputy Head of the Eurasia programme (a.i.), where she led a project on Competitiveness in Kazakhstan and supported the Head of Programme in managing staff and ensuring quality control. Between 2014 and 2020, Ms Pilichowski was Advisor and then Counsellor in the Office of the Secretary-General (OSG), ensuring the delivery of the Secretary-General's agenda and supporting the Chief and Deputy Chief of Staff in the Strategic and corporate agenda. She provided general support to OSG on OECD's governance and administrative matters. She assumed the responsibility of supporting the Cabinet work on communications, and in this role, she coordinated the Raising the Bar brochure and the Covid-19 Hub on behalf of OSG. Ms Pilichowski was Acting Director of Council and Executive Committee Secretariat since between 1 July 2020 and 30 September 2020. Prior to joining the OECD, Ms Pilichowski held positions of Research Assistant in the World Bank's East Asia and Pacific Region Vice President's Office (1999-2000) and Consultant at the World Bank Institute (1997-1999). A Canadian/French national, Ms Pilichowski holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from Sciences Po in Paris (1994) and a Master's degree in international economics from Johns Hopkins University in Washington D.C. (1997). Ms. Pilichowski took up her duties on 1 October 2020.





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**Daniele Dotto** – Deputy director Support to Member States Reforms, Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support

Daniele started his career at the European Commission in the team supervising the deployment of the Single market. In 1996, he moved to the Consumer Policy Department where he dealt with the consequences of the “mad-cow crisis” and the creation of the new Department “Health and Consumers”. In 2000, he participated in the design and implementation of the “Kinnock reform”, i.e. the reform of the governance of the European Commission. He eventually became Head of Unit of the Coordination Unit of the

Department for human resources and member of the ABM Steering group - the corporate governance body of the European Commission. He then became Head of Unit - External and Trade Unions relations of the same DG. In 2013, he joined the Task Force for Greece – with mandate for growth policy and EU Funds. In 2020, he was appointed Head of Unit - Governance and Public Administration in the newly created DG REFORM. He coordinated Technical Support for Greece and France and the DG’s relations with the OECD and the Council of Europe. He supervises the strategy and operations of the European Commission Competence Centre for Public Administration and Governance. In 2021 he has been appointed Deputy Director in DG REFORM with, among other things, responsibility for management of the DG’s large technical support contracts. He lectures at Bocconi University and at the Scuola Normale “Sant’Anna” di Pisa on management of large organisations and EU governance.



**Christian Roques** - Director Health & Wellbeing, Directorate-General for Human Resources and Security

Christian is trained as an economist and lawyer. He spent ten years in DG Competition in antitrust, settlement and mergers, 4 years as legal secretary of a former President of the EU General Court. He has been Head of Unit and Director for 10 years in DG HR working on the reform of the Staff Regulations and other legal matters and most recently managing inter alia the measures to address the Covid pandemic for the Commission as an employer or the new HR approach towards working conditions.





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**Kaspar Richter** - Head of Unit Sustainable Growth & Business Environment, Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support

Kaspar Richter is head of the sustainable growth and business environment unit at the Directorate-General Structural Reform Support of the European Commission. From 2013 to 2015, he worked on reforms in Greece at the Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs. Prior to joining the European Commission, Kaspar Richter worked for 13 years at the World Bank on Africa, Asia and Europe. He holds a PhD in economics and an MSc in econometrics and mathematical economics from the

London School of Economics and graduated in both economics and political science from the Freie Universität Berlin.



**Pavla Vidanová** - Seconded National Expert, Directorate General Climate Action

Pavla is currently working at the Directorate General Climate Action (DG CLIMA), as seconded national expert from the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic, where she was conducting the evaluation of national adaptation plan and cooperating on the update of strategic documents on climate change adaptation. As the ministry is a national coordinator of the Covenant of Mayors in the Czech Republic, another part of her job was mobilizing Czech municipalities in joining the Covenant and developing their action plans.



**Kristin Hedström** - Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth - Green growth and Innovation at Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth

Kristin is leading preparations for the Just Transition Fund in Sweden at Tillväxtverket (Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth). Her professional background includes EU-cooperation and funding in the area of sustainable development and Agenda 2030. She has previously worked in the NGO-sector, the European Commission and in the Government Offices of Sweden.

