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“No doubt, our economies are undergoing rapid and deep transformations driven by digitalisation, globalisation and demographic changes. These transformations can be managed to the benefits of all, and not only a few. The future is in our hands, and the OECD supports policy makers and stakeholders in taking action to craft a people-centred, inclusive future.”

Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs

The **Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs (ELS)** leads OECD work on employment, social policies, international migration and health. It oversees work on inter-related policy areas to help countries promote quality jobs and skills matching. It also seeks to improve social welfare, migration and health outcomes in a context of rapidly changing economies and societies affected by digitalisation, globalisation and demographic changes.

On labour market policy, we focused on the future of work and its implications for skills, employment regulation, social dialogue and social protection, with the 2019 *Employment Outlook* and *Getting Skills Right: Future-Ready Adult Learning Systems*. We furthered our analysis of inequality with high-profile reports on social mobility and the middle class.

We started implementing the mandates of the 2018 Social Policy Ministerial, with the *Risks that Matter* survey, a Call for Innovation to identify best practices in stakeholder engagement and the forthcoming conference on Social Data for Tomorrow. We released innovative work on child well-being, pensions and *Society at a Glance 2019* with a focus on policies to promote a more diverse and inclusive society.

In health, we looked in depth at critical issues including dementia, access to innovative medicines and antimicrobial resistance with *Stemming the Superbug Tide: Just a Few Dollars More*.

We delivered new work on migration and the integration of migrants. We concluded the OECD horizontal project on the effective integration of vulnerable migrants with a conference and the launch of the *Ready to Help?* report. We released the 2018 *International Migration Outlook* and launched *Settling In 2018*, the most comprehensive account of integration outcomes and best practices. ■

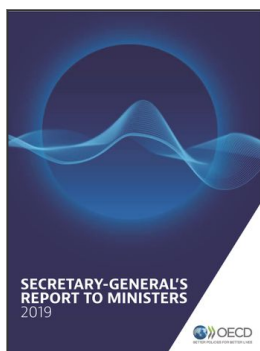
■ AREAS OF FOCUS

- Employment policies and data,
www.oecd.org/els/emp; www.oecdskillsforjobsdatabase.org
- Health policies and data,
www.oecd.org/els/health-systems
- International migration policies and data,
www.oecd.org/els/mig
- Social policies and data,
www.oecd.org/els/soc

■ KEY CONTENT AND EVENTS

- OECD Skills and Work blog
- *Good Jobs for All in a Changing World of Work: The OECD Jobs Strategy*, launched in Berlin at the High-Level Policy Forum on the New OECD Jobs Strategy
- *OECD Employment Outlook 2019: The Future of Work*, launched in Berlin at the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, and *OECD Employment Outlook 2018*
- *OECD International Migration Outlook 2018*
- *Pharmaceutical Innovation and Access to Medicines*
- *Settling In 2018: Indicators of Immigrant Integration*
- *Ready to Help? Improving Resilience of Integration Systems for Refugees and other Vulnerable Migrants*
- *Stemming the Superbug Tide: Just a Few Dollars More*
- *Society at a Glance 2019: OECD Social Indicators*
- *Under Pressure: The Squeezed Middle Class*
- *A Broken Social Elevator? How to Promote Social Mobility*
- *Care Needed: Improving the Lives of People with Dementia*
- *Getting Skills Right: Future-Ready Adult Learning Systems*
- Inaugural Global Mental Health Summit, 9-10 October 2018
- OECD Policy Workshop on Enhancing Child Well-being, 16 January 2019
- Policy Dialogue on the Integration of Refugees and Other Vulnerable Migrants, January 2019





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