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"We are at the eve of a decisive decade for the planet. This year gives our countries the opportunity to gain a head start on adopting transformational policies in anticipation of a reinvigorated Environment Agenda in 2020. The Environment Directorate continues to support member countries in forging sustainable development pathways to help avoid and mitigate global ecological and humanitarian disruptions."

Environment Directorate

The **Environment Directorate (ENV)** helps countries design and implement effective policies to address environmental problems and sustainably manage natural resources. It examines the linkages between the environment and economic, sectoral or social concerns in areas such as green growth, climate change, biodiversity, water, waste and the circular economy, the ocean, resource efficiency, environmental taxes, genetically modified crop safety, agriculture, transport, trade, investment and development.

In 2018, ENV led a major multilateral project to help countries move beyond an incremental approach to financing low-emission, resilient infrastructure towards the transformational agenda needed for decisive climate action. *Financing Climate Futures: Rethinking Infrastructure* highlights 6 transformative areas and 20 key actions to align financial flows with climate and development goals across planning, innovation, public budgeting, financial systems, development finance and cities.

ENV continues to focus on the social, environmental, economic and financial dimensions of the transition to low-carbon and resource-efficient economies, including exploring the role of green finance and investment, and the macroeconomic implications of the transition to a circular economy. The 2019 *Global Material Resources Outlook to 2060* was a first-of-its-kind, key report with global projections of materials use and their environmental consequences to 2060 at the global, sectoral and regional levels for 61 different materials (biomass resources, fossil fuels, metals and non-metallic minerals).

In 2019, ENV will continue its efforts to support countries in implementing the Paris Agreement, with a particular focus on tackling coastal risks, heightening mitigation ambitions and adopting a more circular economy. It will also further explore how to ensure a sustainable ocean economy. ■

■ AREAS OF FOCUS

- Climate change, www.oecd.org/environment/action-on-climate-change
- Biodiversity and ecosystems, www.oecd.org/environment/resources/biodiversity
- Environment in emerging and transition economies, www.oecd.org/environment/outreach
- Environmental modelling and outlooks, www.oecd.org/environment/indicators-modelling-outlooks
- Green growth, www.oecd.org/greengrowth
- Ocean, oe.cd/ocean-brochure
- Safety of chemicals, pesticides, biotechnology and nanomaterials, www.oecd.org/chemicalsafety
- Resource productivity and waste, www.oecd.org/environment/waste
- Resource efficiency and circular economy, www.oecd.org/environment/waste/recircle.htm
- Water, www.oecd.org/water

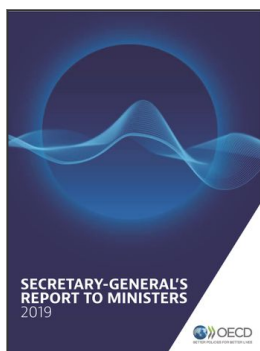
■ KEY EVENTS

- Forum on Green Finance and Investment, 29-30 October 2019
- Green Growth and Sustainable Development Forum: Greening heavy and extractive industries – Innovation and fiscal sustainability, 26-27 November 2019

■ KEY CONTENT

- OECD Green Talks LIVE (webinar series)
- OECD Environment YouTube channel, videos on the environment
- OECD Environmental Performance Reviews: Czech Republic 2018; Hungary 2018; Australia 2019; Latvia 2019; Turkey 2019
- Global Material Resources Outlook to 2060: Economic Drivers and Environmental Consequences
- Cost-Benefit Analysis and the Environment: Further Developments and Policy Use
- Financing Climate Futures: Rethinking Infrastructure
- Saving Costs in Chemicals Management: How the OECD Ensures Benefits to Society
- Responding to Rising Seas: OECD Country Approaches to Tackling Coastal Risks





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