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Boosting Social Inclusion in Spain

Improving pathways and co-ordination of services

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Strong OECD collaboration with Spain

- The OECD has supported Spain within the framework of DG REFORM projects on:
 - Management of statistical and analytical information in the labour and social security administration
 - Reform of family support and protection
 - Modernising social services
 - Strengthening policies and governance arrangements within the national employment system (SEPE)
 - **And this project: Design and evaluation of inclusion policies**



High risk of social exclusion and need for policy improvements

- Spain has one of the highest rates of poverty and social exclusion in the EU as well as high child poverty rates.
- It also has very high unemployment rates among the youth (high NEET rates as well)
- The introduction of the Ingreso Mínimo Vital (during the pandemic, in 2020) represented a big step forward. However, **several challenges remain:**
 1. Coverage rates of IMV is still low (**the non-take-up challenge**)
 2. There are wide regional variations in the concepts and implementation of inclusion policies for those who receive the IMV, and also for those who do not receive it! (**the challenge coordination with regions and lack of common minimum standards**)
 3. A multi-dimensional approach to assess needs but also in the provision of cash support and associated services is not always present and coordination mechanisms are insufficient (**the integrated services challenge**)



How to address these challenges?

- Ensure that more of those in need receive adequate benefits
 - Facilitating and simplifying the application process for users
 - Expanding outreach to possible users and information
- Ensure that IMV recipients get access to the services they need
 - Improving needs assessment tools and promoting common protocols to perform it
 - Promoting structured mechanisms for co-ordinated action or joint interventions at the regional and local levels
- Enhance evidence-based policy making by establishing a structured monitoring and evaluation (M&E) framework
 - Setting objectives and indicators to monitor the provision of IMV and related services
 - Improving information technology infrastructure to make data available
 - Strengthening staff capacity

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