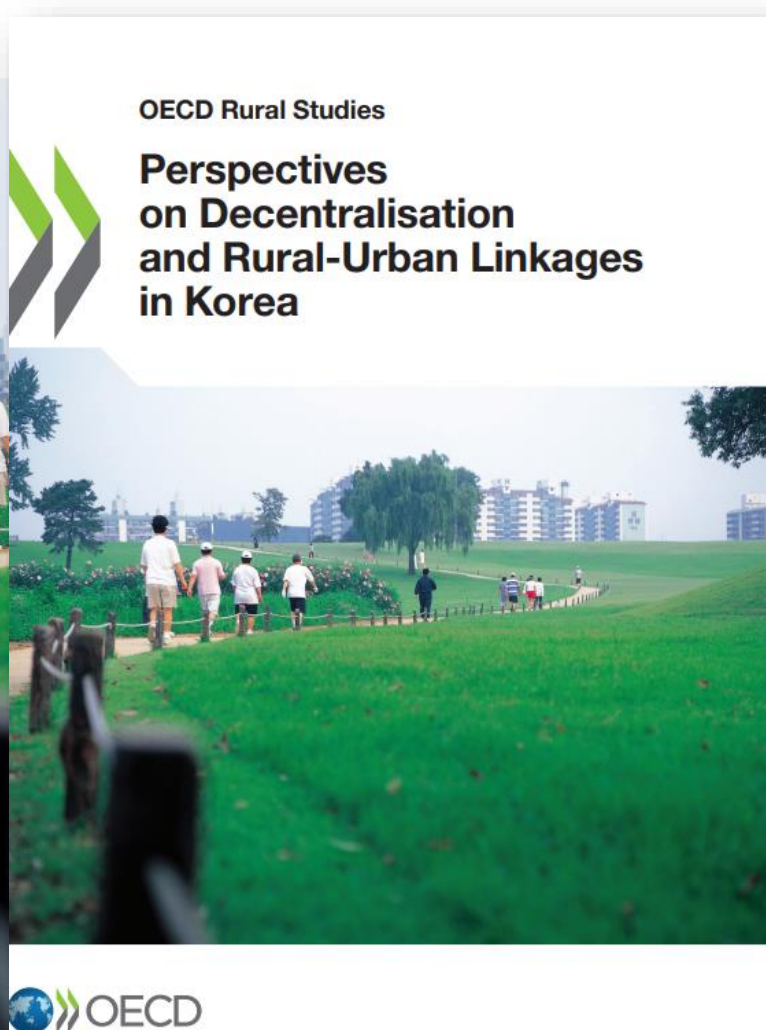


Launching Event

Perspectives on Decentralisation and Rural-Urban Linkages in Korea

Zoom meeting, 4 March 2021, 09h00- 10h00 (Paris time)





Perspectives on Decentralisation and Rural-Urban Linkages in Korea

■ What's the issue?

The economic development of Korea is widely considered as a success story. Yet, as the country joins the ranks of the world's most advanced economies, its rapid pace of development has not fully reached every part of its territory. The pace of urbanisation, particularly around Seoul, has placed mounting pressure on the capital's quality of life, while in rural regions the country's success has felt distant.

To address these disparities, successive governments have pursued a policy of balanced national development, with major initiatives aimed at spreading economic opportunities throughout the country while at the same time transferring authority and resources to regional and local governments, to increasingly empower them to navigate their own path forward. This study takes stock of these efforts in the context of rural development and finds evidence of progress in several areas, yet opportunities remain in others. The study includes advice and recommendations on multi-level governance, rural-urban linkages and other issues drawn from the experience of OECD countries on how Korea's efforts in pursuit of inclusive growth may be further strengthened to improve the well-being of the country's rural regions.

■ About the event

This study is part of the OECD Rural Studies series, which assesses the performance of rural areas and makes recommendations to address challenges and seize opportunities through rural development policies and other policies with significant impacts on rural places. Covering topics such as service delivery, rural-urban linkages, innovation and land use, the series explores how to promote the competitiveness of firms and the wellbeing of residents in rural areas through place-based approaches.

The virtual event will present the main OECD recommendations and invite representatives of the Korean government and policy makers from other OECD member countries to share their views. The report will be available on the OECD library from March 4, 2021.

■ Venue

Virtual (Zoom) meeting

When: **March 4, 2021 09:00 Paris (17:00 Seoul)**

Register in advance for this meeting:

- https://meetoecd1.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEvcuuhpjkrGNWhSdbTkPhwmL3O_8VZJ6BB

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08:45-09:00

Registration

Moderator: OECD Secretariat

09:00-09:15

Opening remarks

Alain Dupeyras – Head, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance Division, CFE, OECD

Lee Seong Hoon – Director, Regional Policy Division, Government of Korea

09:15-09:30

Presentation of the case study

Presentation **OECD Secretariat**, CFE, OECD

09:30-09:50

Interventions / Discussion

Facilitation: OECD Secretariat

- **Sabrina Lucatelli** – Vice-Chair, OECD Working Party for Rural Policy
- **Richard Wakeford** – Chair, Gloucestershire Market Town Forum, England
- **Lee Seong Hoon** – Director, Regional Policy Division, Government of Korea

09:50-10:00

Closing remarks

Enrique Garcilazo – Deputy Head, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance Division, CFE, OECD



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