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Course Overview

The OECD Governance, Legal Instruments, and Economic Policy Coordination Training Course equips officials and advisers to understand how the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development is constituted, governed, and used for international policy cooperation. Participants build a practical map of OECD governance legal instruments and economic policy coordination, from the Convention and Council to committees, consensus, peer review, and national follow-through. The applied learning experience is delivered by Agile Leaders Training Center.

The course integrates the OECD Convention Council and committee structure, OECD Decisions Recommendations and Declarations, OECD accession peer review and policy engagement, and OECD legal instrument national implementation. It focuses on institutional and legal literacy rather than a single subject-specific OECD standard.

Who Should Attend

- Government policy officials and public-sector legal advisers
- Diplomats and international-cooperation teams
- Regulators, economists, and committee delegates
- Professionals supporting OECD engagement, accession, or implementation

Course Objectives

- Explain the OECD's economic mandate, Convention, membership, legal capacity, and institutional roles.
- Map Council, Secretary-General, committees, subsidiary bodies, and secretariat responsibilities.
- Distinguish Decisions, Recommendations, Declarations, international agreements, and other instruments.
- Prepare for consensus, committee participation, accession, peer review, and stakeholder engagement.
- Translate an OECD instrument into national ownership, gap, action, evidence, and monitoring controls.
- Build an engagement and implementation pack using current official OECD sources.

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Day 1: OECD Mandate and Legal Foundation

- From the OEEC to the OECD Convention and Economic Mandate
- Growth, Employment, Living Standards, Financial Stability, Development, and Trade Aims
- Membership, Legal Capacity, Privileges, Immunities, and International Cooperation
- Information, Consultation, Study, Project, and Coordinated-Action Obligations
- Exercise: Build an OECD Mandate and Authority Map

Day 2: Governance and Decision-Making

- Council, Ministerial and Permanent Representative Sessions
- Secretary-General, Standing Committees, Substantive Committees, and Secretariat
- Consensus, Mutual Agreement, Abstention, Voting, and Constitutional Procedure
- Rules of Procedure, Participation of Non-Members, Records, and Meeting Workflow
- Exercise: Prepare a Committee Governance and Decision Path

Day 3: OECD Legal Instruments

- Decision, Recommendation, Declaration, International Agreement, Arrangement, and Understanding
- Binding Effect, Political Commitment, Scope, Adherence, Status, and Responsible Body
- Proposal, Committee Development, Council Adoption, Publication, and Amendment
- Official Compendium Search, Version, Status, Metadata, and Cross-Reference Check
- Exercise: Classify and Brief an OECD Legal Instrument

Day 4: Accession, Committees, and Peer Review

- Membership and Accession Roadmap, Reviews, Opinions, and Reform Commitments
- Committee Mandate, Bureau, Delegation, Agenda, Submission, and Intervention
- Data, Indicators, Surveys, Country Reviews, Peer Learning, and Recommendations
- Stakeholder, Non-Member, International Organisation, and Domestic Coordination
- Exercise: Build an OECD Engagement and Peer-Review Plan

Day 5: National Implementation and Policy Coordination

- Instrument Applicability, Gap, Legal Basis, Policy Owner, and Decision Rights
- Law, Regulation, Policy, Guidance, Institution, Budget, and Capability Actions
- Inter-Ministerial Governance, Consultation, Evidence, Reporting, and Escalation
- Progress Monitoring, Committee Feedback, Updating, and Institutional Learning
- Capstone: OECD Engagement and Legal Instrument Implementation Pack

Practical Exercises

- Map the Convention, Council, committees, and secretariat.
- Trace a Council act from development through adoption and implementation.
- Compare the legal and policy effects of different instrument types.
- Prepare a delegation brief for a committee or peer-review meeting.
- Create a national gap, ownership, action, evidence, and monitoring register.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is this a course on one OECD policy standard?

No. It teaches the Organisation's institutional, legal, and policy-coordination system across subject areas.

Are all OECD legal instruments binding?

No. Their effects differ. Participants learn to identify the instrument type, wording, status, adherents, legal effect, implementation expectation, and monitoring process.

Does the course cover accession?

Yes. It explains the institutional journey, committee reviews, evidence, reform commitments, coordination, and engagement without advising on a specific country's legal position.

How are current instruments verified?

Participants use the official OECD Compendium and related official records to confirm identifier, title, status, text, adherents, dates, and responsible body.

What does the final implementation pack contain?

It contains a governance map, instrument brief, engagement plan, national gap assessment, ownership matrix, action plan, evidence register, and monitoring dashboard.

Conclusion

Participants leave able to navigate OECD institutions, interpret instrument status, support policy engagement, and organise accountable national implementation.