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## Executive Directorate

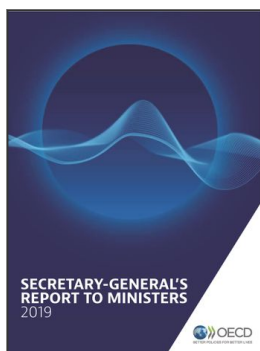
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EXD services include human and financial resource management; digital knowledge and information management; and conference, language, security and operations services. They enable the Organisation to carry out its work efficiently and effectively. The OECD received the EDGE (Economic Dividends for Gender Equality) Certification.

EXD has focused on physical and digital security to keep OECD staff, over 130 000 visitors and our data safe. The new welcome pavilion (which opened in February 2019) increases entrance security. Guards also have been trained in the use of firearms. Amid increasing cyberthreats, the OECD’s digital infrastructure has been kept secure.

The Secretary-General’s adoption of the OECD’s Risk Management Policy has consolidated the Organisation’s risk management system into a policy that aligns with the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, the recognised world-class guidance-setting body for internal control and risk management.

EXD also further improves cost efficiencies and effective stewardship of OECD assets. The Value for Money Report shows estimated savings for the 2017-18 biennium greater than EUR 70 million and a 77% completion rate on initiatives submitted by directors in the two previous biennia. The funding needs for replacing long-term assets over the next 20 years have been met without asking members for additional contributions. ■



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