Foreword

The collection of analyses in this volume draw from an expert workshop in Paris of the OECD Network on Fiscal Relations across Levels of Government in 2019, organised jointly with the Korea Institute of Public Finance (KIPF). The Network is a unique body at the OECD that "horizontally" brings together the expertise of multiple fields and four substantive departments - the Centre for Tax Policy and Administration (CTP), the Economics Department (ECO), the Public Governance Directorate (GOV) and the Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE) – as well as their respective committees (the CFA, EPC, PGC and RDPC). The Network, chaired by Junghun Kim of Korea, addresses a wide range of challenges for intergovernmental fiscal relations, whether macroeconomic, structural and administrative, and seeks to contribute to stronger, fairer and more stable economies as well as improving the well-being of citizens.

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