

OECD SKILLS STRATEGY:

IMPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN ASIA

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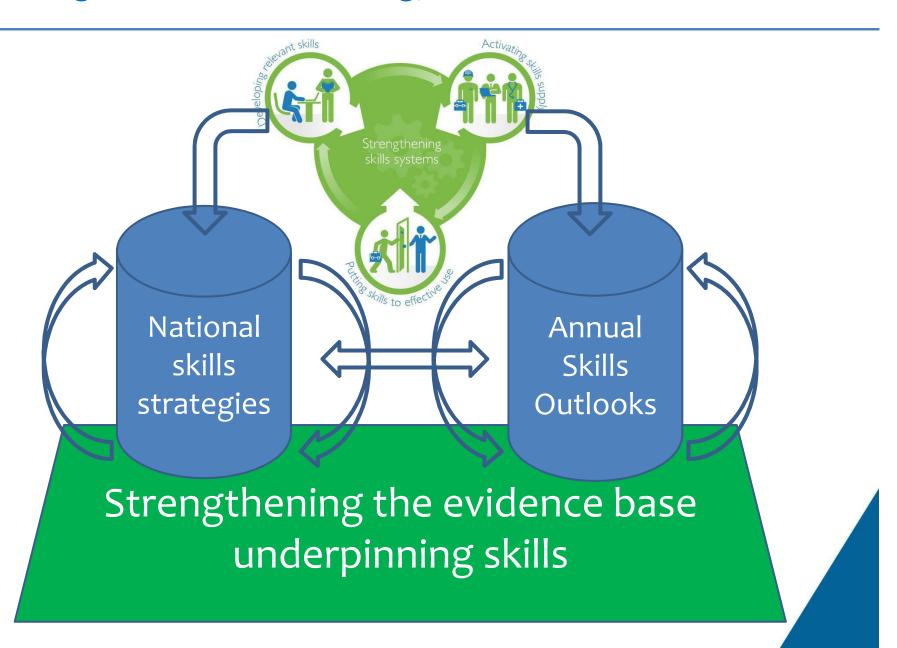


The OECD Skills Strategy: putting a new paradigm into practice





Taking the OECD Skills Strategy forward





Key features of the OECD Skills Strategy approach

- Collaboration between OECD and country
- Cross-directorate OECD team
- Coordination through Skills Strategy Advisory Group
- Bringing together perceptions and evidence
- Learning from international comparisons and experience
- Approach tailored to country's specific circumstances and priorities
- Strengthening skills systems through policy coherence
- Whole-of-government approach
- Engaging all relevant stakeholders
- Moving towards action for better economic and social outcomes



Cross-directorate collaboration

- Integrate skills-related topics and add a skills dimension to other topics across the OFCD
- Connect skills to broader OECD policy issues, in particular:
 - Skills, growth and the distribution of the benefits of growth, with ECO (as input into the NAEC work)
 - Regional and local dimensions to skills, with LEED: Variations in skills supply and demand at the level of local economies, Geographical mobility, Governance and capacity to deliver national policies at sub-national level
 - Labour market arrangement and employer engagement, with ELS
 - Financing skills and incentives on employers and individuals, including tax arrangements, with CTP
 - Technological innovation and strategy, Skills for job creation and entrepreneurship and ICT skills with STI

BUILDING EFFECTIVE SKILLS SYSTEMS AT NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS



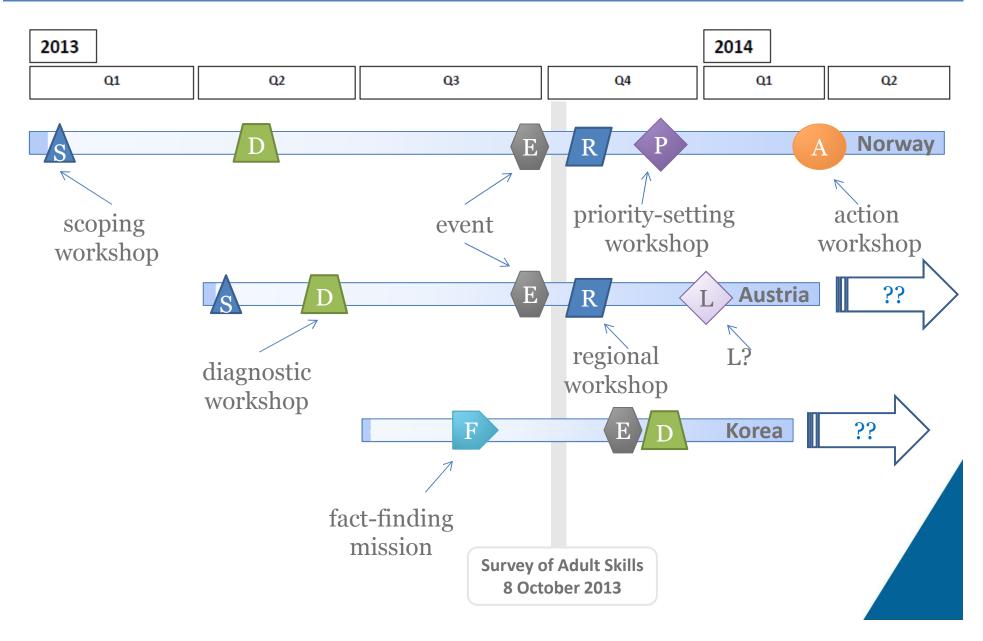


Three countries started national skills projects in 2013

Austria Korea Norway



Tailored projects address country priorities





12 challenges for Norway's skills system

Developing Relevant Skills

- 1. Ensuring strong foundation skills for all
- 2. Reducing dropouts
- 3. Informing educational choices

Enabling conditions: Building effective skills system

- 10. Facilitating a whole of government approach to skills
- 11. Ensuring local flexibility and adaptability for nationally designed policies
- 12. Building partnerships at the local and national level to improve implementation

Activating Supply of Skills

- 4. Enhancing labour market participation among those receiving disability benefits
- Encouraging labour market attachment among low skilled youth
- 6. Ensuring Norwegians remain active longer

Using skills effectively

- 7. Engaging employers in ensuring a highly skilled workforce
- 8. Promoting entrepreneurship
- 9. Enhancing the use of migrant worker skills



15 challenges for Austria's skills system

Developing Relevant Skills

- Starting lifelong learning in early childhood
- 2. Improving foundation skills in compulsory education
- 3. Strengthening foundation skills and fostering labour market links in VET
- 4. Satisfying economic demand for high-level skills
- 5. Extending adult education
- 6. Enabling people to navigate the skills system: improving guidance and flexibility

Enabling conditions: Building effective skills system

- 13. Improving the evidence base for the development of the skills system
- 14. Enhancing coordination and cooperation of different actors
- 15. Improving the financing of the skills system

Activating the Supply of Skills

7. Fostering a
better work-family balance
8. Retaining older
workers in the labour market
9. Activating the
skills of migrants

Using skills effectively

10. Encouraging employers to make better use of skills

11. Promoting innovation and high-skills demand

12. Boosting Austria's skills potential at the regional and local level

12 challenges for Korea's skills system

Developing Relevant Skills

- Tackling the overemphasis on academic studies and higher education
- 2. Fostering entrepreneurship and creative skills for building a creative economy
- 3. Enhancing adult skills through lifelong learning and education

Enabling conditions:

Building effective skills system

- 10. Addressing the overarching and systemic challenges: policy coherence and inter-linkages
- 11. A whole-of-government and a whole-of-society commitment and responsibility to skills for social cohesion
- 12. Coordinating national and local concerns and strengthening collaboration

Activating the Supply of Skills

- 4. Activating women while improving birth rates and the child care system
- 5. Accelerating the school-to-work transition for youth
- 6. Activating older workers while improving their skills and welfare

sing skills effectively

- 7. Aligning decent job creation and the quality improvement of existing employment
- 8. Reducing skills mismatches by making skills visible
- 9. Identifying and forecasting skills needs to make effective use of skills

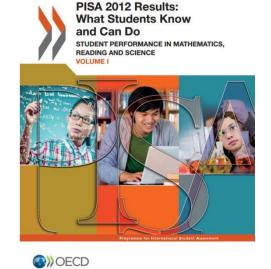


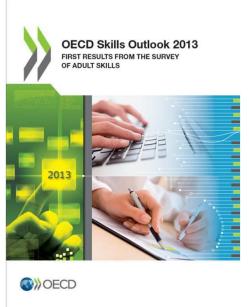
How OECD support country

National workshops



Data analysis







Highly interactive workshops bringing together ministries and stakeholders





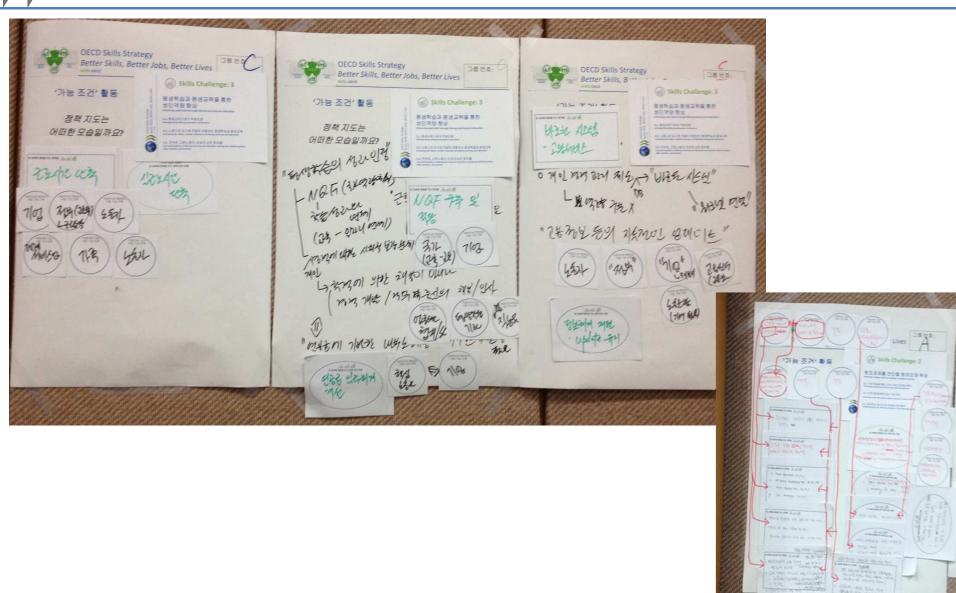
Using voting approaches to stimulate participants' thinking





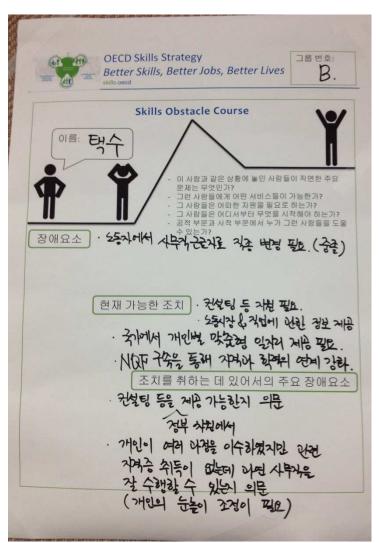


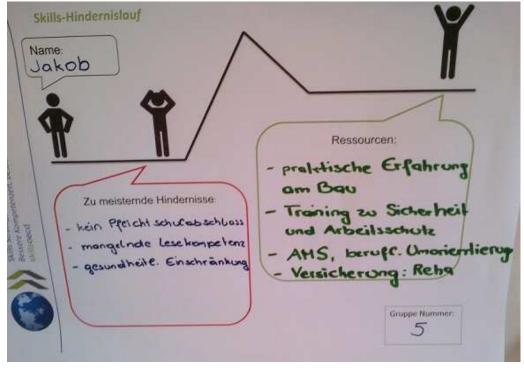
"Maps" of Policies and stakeholders





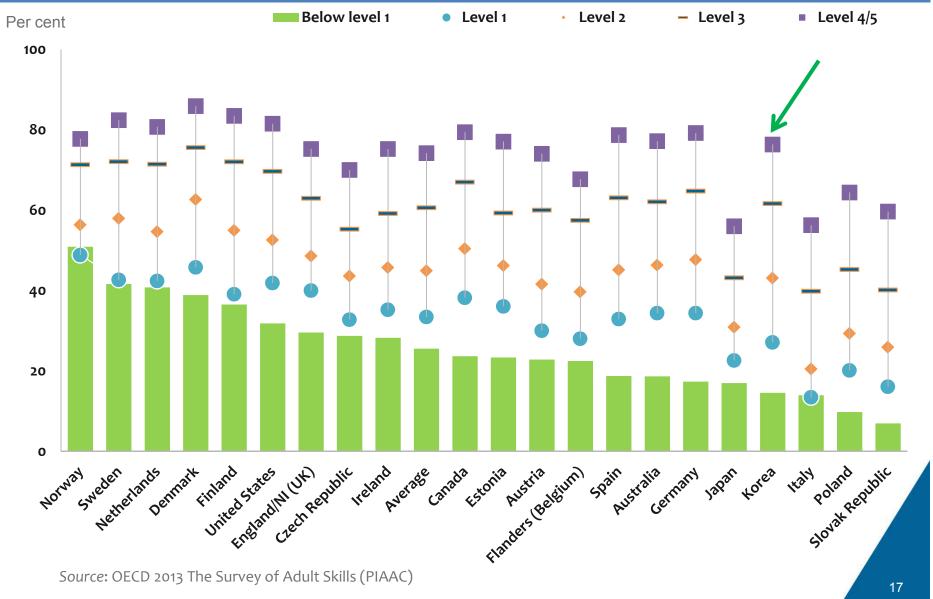
Skills obstacle course – to stimulate reflection on how lack of policy coherence affects people's experience







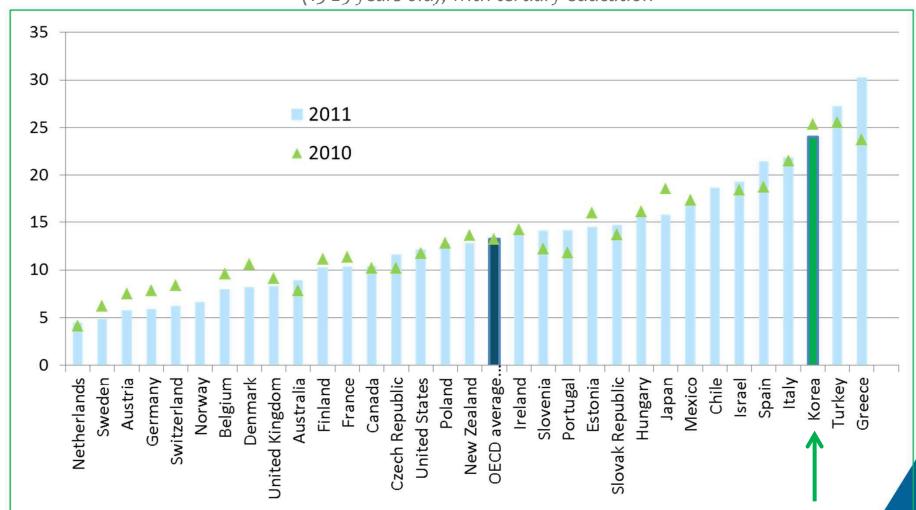
Developing skills: All adult education and training by literacy proficiency





Activating skills: Korean NEET population is the highly qualified youth.

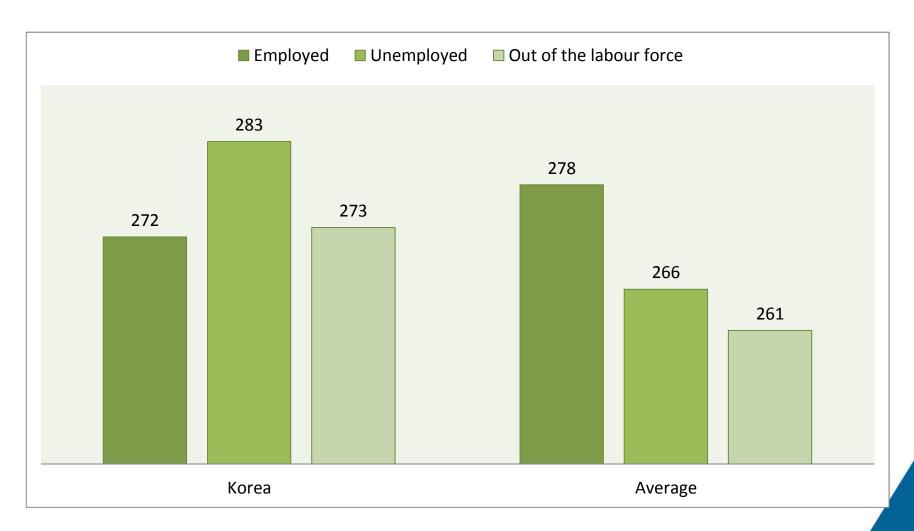
Share of youth neither in employment nor in education or training (15-29 years old), with tertiary education



Source: OECD Education at Glance 2013

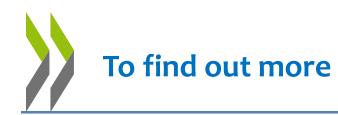


Using skills effectively: Skills mismatches (Mean literacy score, by labour force status)



Source: OECD 2013 The Survey of Adult Skills (PIAAC)

- Any country needs to prepare skills for the future
- OECD is ready for working with any country and any level of entity to build an effective skills system.
- Discussion points
 - What is the skills and labour potential in developing countries in Asia?
 - What are the challenges facing the skills system of developing countries in Asia?
 - What are the implications of the OECD Skills Strategy in developing countries in Asia?



OECD Skills Strategy

http://skills.oecd.org

OECD Survey of Adult Skills

http://www.oecd.org/ site/piaac/

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