

MAKING INCLUSIVE GROWTH HAPPEN IN CITIES AND REGIONS

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Abstract

Cities are important generators of economic growth and opportunities for people to flourish. However, rising inequalities, poor quality of services, fragmented labour markets, and narrowly framed institutions challenge the capacity of cities to grow inclusively – that is, to enable the majority of urban citizens to contribute to prosperity and share its benefits. During this session, a draft report will be presented “Making Inclusive Growth Happen in Cities and Regions”, prepared by the OECD Secretariat in the context of the OECD-wide initiative on Inclusive Growth. The objective of this report is to scale the knowledge in terms of data and analysis, especially regarding the metropolitan areas (cities with more than 500 000 inhabitants), which contributed to 60% of employment and GDP creation in the past fifteen years. The aim of the report is to provide facts and evidence on the recent trends in income levels, inequality and other well-being outcomes in OECD metropolitan areas, through a novel data collection which allows the concept of inclusive growth to be operationalised.