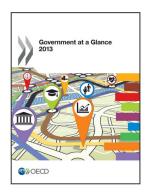
Foreword

The financial and economic crisis that started in 2008 and affected most OECD member countries has reopened the debate on the role of the state on how and where it should intervene to achieve which objectives. Government at a Glance 2013 provides key quantitative and qualitative data that can enable evidence-based decision making as well as help governments plan for the future. It allows for the comparison of government activities, practices and performance across a number of critical dimensions, and helps pinpoint areas that warrant further examination. In its policy chapter, the publication explores the links between trust in government and the policies and institutions of public governance.

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