What do you look for when searching for best practices and case studies on water governance? Tell us with 10 questions in 10 minutes!

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The OECD Water Governance Initiative is developing a database with local, basin, national and international practices to reach the standards behind the OECD Principles on Water Governance. In doing so, it strives i) not to duplicate what already exists; ii) to be relevant to end users from a policy, decision-making and practitioner perspective; and iii) to be sufficiently pragmatic and accessible to serve the purpose at the least cost. This short survey seeks to scope the expectations and needs of decision-makers and stakeholders when searching for water governance practices. It is being extended to all OECD and partner institutions' networks with the objective to use the results to shape the process (of collecting practices), the content (of practices) and the final output (possible online format). Respondents can fill in the survey anonymously if they wish, or provide their contact details if they would like to be informed about progress and have access to the database, when available.

Contact information

Name	
Institution	
Position	
Email	

Part 1: Assessing demand for best practices database

1. In your work, do you usually refer to existing practices/cases to help your decisions / policy choices related to water?

☐ Always

☐ Sometimes

☐ Seldom

☐ Never

2. If you usually refer to existing practices/cases in your work:

A) What are your underlying needs about these practices/cases?

☐ Look for solutions to a given problem

☐ Fill a knowledge gap

☐ Access new ideas

☐ Get experts' opinion

☐ Others please specify:

B) How do you usually go about finding practices/cases?

☐ I ask my colleagues

☐ I reach out to my peers on social media

☐ I search online. Please share examples that you have found useful in your work:

☐ I consult my institution's own database of practices/cases

☐ Other, please specify:

3. *If you do not refer to existing practices/cases in your work, why?*

☐ I do not find practices/cases helpful for my work

☐ I have difficulties in finding databases with relevant practices/cases

☐ Other, please specify:

4. *Usually, you are most interested in practices/cases that come from:*

☐ Your peers (equivalent institutions, people you work with, etc.)

☐ Stakeholders you interact with (customers, civil society, business, engineers, lawyers, academics, etc.)

☐ Multiple stakeholders (e.g. crossed/intersecting perspective, etc.)

☐ Other sectors than your area of work

☐ Other, please specify:

Part 2: Determining users' needs to inform the development / functionality of the database

5. *What type of water governance practice/cases do you usually look for?*

☐ World-renowned solutions

☐ Evolving practices/case studies

☐ Vetted/labelled "good" practices

☐ Any solution to a given challenge

☐ Others, please specify:

6. *In your view, what makes a water governance practice a good one?*

7. *What is the most important <u>background</u> information you look for when searching for a water governance practice/case?*

	Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not important
The **socio-economic or geographic context** (i.e. North/south; delta countries, etc.)	☐	☐	☐	☐
The **climatic conditions** (e.g. flood prone or semi-arid countries, etc.)	☐	☐	☐	☐
The **water function concerned** (e.g. drinking water supply, water quality, irrigation, drainage)	☐	☐	☐	☐
The **territorial scale** concerned (e.g. national, basin, local, etc.)	☐	☐	☐	☐

The **type of actors** involved in the practice (i.e. types of stakeholders)	☐	☐	☐	☐
The **objective** of the practice (e.g. the initial problem that the practice aims to fix)	☐	☐	☐	☐
The **provider of the practice** (i.e. institutions, stakeholder group)	☐	☐	☐	☐
The **design process** (e.g. details on the early stages, actors involved, etc.)	☐	☐	☐	☐
The **means of implementation** and enabling factors (e.g. tools, resources needed)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Lessons learned from success (e.g. enabling conditions)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Lessons learned from failure (e.g. pitfalls to avoid)	☐	☐	☐	☐
The **costs** of the practice (e.g. financial, social, environmental, etc.)	☐	☐	☐	☐
The **benefits** of the practice (e.g. monetary or not)	☐	☐	☐	☐
The **mechanism/indicators** in place to assess the practice (progress, impact, etc.)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Evidence of **impact** on water governance and policy outcomes (i.e. improvement of water quality, etc.)	☐	☐	☐	☐
The potential for **replicability** of the practice (e.g. transferred elsewhere or applied in another sector, etc.)	☐	☐	☐	☐
The **follow-up** on the practice (sustainability, ex-post evaluation, etc.)	☐	☐	☐	☐
The **timeline** of the practice (e.g. implementation duration, etc.)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Links to **further information** on the practice or **similar examples**	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other, please specify:	☐	☐	☐	☐

8. ***What are the main shortcomings of the practice databases you have consulted?***

☐ The practices are not detailed enough

☐ The practices are not related to water governance as such

☐ The practices are not reviewed / vetted by experts

☐ The practices are not assessed against criteria that qualify them as "good" or "best"

☐ The database is not user-friendly (e.g. sub-optimal search engine, not enough languages available etc.)

☐ Other, please specify:

9. *What is the most important <u>content</u> information you look for when searching for a water governance practice/case?*

	Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not important
How to allocate and coordinate **roles and responsibilities** for water	☐	☐	☐	☐
How to manage water at the appropriate **scale** and coordinate across different scales	☐	☐	☐	☐
How to foster **policy coherence** between water, energy, agriculture, environment etc.	☐	☐	☐	☐
How to build **capacity** at different levels	☐	☐	☐	☐
How to produce, update and share policy relevant water related **data and information**	☐	☐	☐	☐
How governance helps mobilise water **finance** and allocate resources efficiently	☐	☐	☐	☐
How **regulatory frameworks** are effectively implemented and enforced	☐	☐	☐	☐
How to promote **innovative practices** at different levels and across different players	☐	☐	☐	☐
How to mainstream **integrity and transparency** across institutions and policies	☐	☐	☐	☐
How to **engage with stakeholders** in an outcome-based fashion	☐	☐	☐	☐
How to manage **trade-offs** across places, water users, current and future generations	☐	☐	☐	☐
How to **monitor and evaluate** water policy and governance to adjust as need be	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other, please specify:	☐	☐	☐	☐

10. *What information would you need to assess practices/cases in terms of potential transferability to your policy / decision context?*