

# Returning to Work after the Covid-19: What Next for the Public Service Workforce?



Virtual Meeting - 2 June 2020

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### Draft agenda

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13:45 – 14:00 Paris time (GMT+2)

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#### 14:00 Welcome

- **Jón Blöndal**, Head of Public Management and Budgeting, Directorate for Public Governance, OECD
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14:00 – 14:45

#### Moderated Panel Discussion: where are we now and where are we going?

##### Objectives

Many governments are planning a cautious return to the office for their civil servants, and managing various complex questions. This moderated panel discussion will look at whether, and how, the experience of the pandemic changes the future vision of the public service workforce, and what kind of concrete steps are being taken to bring the workforce back to a workplace that is safe, secure, and forward-looking.

##### Panellists:

- **Beatrix Behrens**, Head of HR Policy and Development, German Employment Agency
- **Geert Bouckaert**, KU Leuven - Public Governance Institute and Chair of the OECD's Network of Schools of Government
- **Simon Claydon**, Director of COVID response, UK Revenue and Customs and chair of the OECD's Public Employment and Management working party.

##### Moderator:

- **Daniel Gerson**, Head of Public Employment and Management Team, OECD
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14.45-15.30

#### Open discussion, where do we go from here?

##### Objectives

Following the moderated panel discussion, the floor will be opened to all participants to ask questions, share their experience and provide insights on the following questions:

1. What kind of workplace can we expect to return to?
2. How have the experiences of the last few months changed our vision for the future of the public service workforce?
3. How can the decisions taken today boost essential public service delivery, integrate new workplace innovations, and ensure workforce productivity and resilience? How can the OECD help?