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Facing quality of life and wellbeing challenges – the view from the OECD



The challenge

- Quality of life and wellbeing encompasses a range of material and non-material factors that people value and shape the competitiveness of regions
- A wellbeing framework enables decision-makers to move beyond sectoral policies and focus on policy complementarities (mutually reinforcing effects and synergies between sectoral policies related to achieve agreed outcomes)
- Outcomes should be defined in collaboration with local stakeholders to ensure community understanding and ownership of development strategies (this is particularly important for mining operations)
- **Policy challenge** = how to design regional governance arrangements that support a shared vision and priorities for development, and foster policy complementarities



Policy complementarities

- **Sectoral policies delivered in isolation** can have unintended and negative effects e.g. in rural areas so-called “leaking by linking” effects
- Different sectoral policies can achieve **shared outcomes** (e.g. reducing young people not in education, employment or training)
- **Sequencing policies** can also maximise impact (e.g. the timing of land acquisition, re-zoning and infrastructure investments)
- **Regional development policies can help achieve policy complementarities:**
 - Incorporating local knowledge and information into the decision making process
 - Specific mechanisms to coordinate investment across levels of government



Policy implications

Key issues	Potential action areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increasing house prices and overcrowding of public infrastructure• Lack of local community support for mining operations• Ineffective mechanisms to address conflicts related to the use of land and water resources• Competing visions and priorities for regional development that are unresolved	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure robust and inclusive regional planning processes• Develop land use planning and housing strategies that are inclusive• Engage and empower communities to solve local problems• Invest in assets that will strongly contribute to inclusive growth such as assets related to education and health• Develop rural-urban linkages



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