



Public Expenditure Management Peer Assisted Learning (PEMPAL)

Learning from peers to develop solutions in key areas of public financial management reform implementation

Rationale

PEMPAL is a peer learning network connecting public finance professionals from 23 countries from the Europe and Central Asia (ECA) region. The purpose of PEMPAL is to share knowledge and experiences on reform implementation in key areas of public finance management (PFM) and develop solutions to common challenges. This third phase is dedicated to the implementation of the PEMPAL Strategy 2017-2022.

The ECA region comprises a diverse group of countries with different levels of development. Strengthening the quality of PFM responds to a widely shared concern of governments in transition countries. The PEMPAL network was launched in 2006 and provides opportunities for professional development and peer-learning where members can create and share knowledge through active participation in meetings and workshops. Peer learning is offering an added-value compared to traditional technical assistance as it has the potential to transfer tacit knowledge.

Objectives and activities

The overall objective of PEMPAL is that governments of member countries use public resources more efficiently and effectively through the application of good PFM practices that are developed, promoted or shared within the network. PEMPAL successfully applies the method of peer-learning through Communities of Practice (COP) in the areas of budget, treasury and internal audit. The COPs themselves define their action plans in order to ensure that activities are in line with member country priorities. The work of the COPs comprises: (i) peer advice, (ii) identification of good practices, (iii) elaboration of knowledge products, (iv) benchmarking of PFM practices, (v) policy dialogue with regional and international organizations, and (vi) access to regional and international norms, standards, guidelines and tools in the network's official languages.

Country/region

Eastern Europe and
Central Asia

Executing agency

World Bank

Partners

Ministry of Finance
Russia

European Commission

Duration

2017-2022 (phase III)

Total budget

USD 12'000'000

SECO contribution

CHF 3'000'000

Governance Structure

The PEMPAL network is operating under a Multi-Donor Trust Fund administered by the World Bank. It is governed by a Steering Committee (SC) composed of donor representatives, members of the COPs, the Secretariat and the Resource Team. The SC sets the strategic direction of the PEMPAL network; oversees the implementation of PEMPAL's objectives and mission; approves COPs action plans and budgets; and fulfils other tasks to ensure effective and sustainable functioning of the PEMPAL network. The Secretariat of PEMPAL is hosted by the World Bank.

How to get involved

Public finance officials from an ECA country may apply to the three COPs for budget, treasury and internal audit. In principle, two representatives per country may participate at COP events.

Further information and contact details

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