

HIGH-LEVEL SEMINAR ON THE USE OF EVIDENCE IN POLICY MAKING

Time: 13.11.2008 9:30-19:00
Venue: University of Helsinki, pieni juhlasali, 4th floor
Fabianinkatu 33, Helsinki

Scope and purpose:

To discuss and clarify to what extent and how data and policy orientated research can be successfully used in assessing need for policy action and designing effective policy interventions.

PROGRAMME

Chair: Professor Pentti Vartia / Chair of the Advisory Board for Sectoral Research

9.30 Opening remarks – setting the scene

- State Under-Secretary Vesa Vihriälä / The Prime Minister's Office

9.40 Measuring the progress of societies: a key tool for a democratic society in the information age

- **Presentation:** Professor, Chief Statistician Enrico Giovannini / OECD
- **Comment 1:** Professor, Chancellor Jorma Sipilä / University of Tampere
- **Discussion**

11.10 Coffee break

The presentations available at: <http://www.minedu.fi/OPM/Tiede/setu/>

11.40 Evaluation of policy options ex ante: meeting the needs of decision makers and making good use of the analysis provided

- **Presentation:** Director Bertholt Leefink / Ministry of Economic Affairs, the Netherlands
- **Comment 1:** Managing Director Sixten Korkman / The Research Institute of the Finnish Economy, (ETLA)
- **Comment 2:** Professor, Director General Pekka Puska / National Public Health Institute, (KTL)
- **Discussion**

13.10 Lunch

14.10 What policy relevant research is all about

- **Presentation:** Professor, Research Director Richard Blundell / Institute for Fiscal Studies /UK
- **Comment 1:** Director General Jaana Husu-Kallio / Finnish Food Safety Authority, (Evira)
- **Comment 2:** Director General Jukka Pekkarinen / Ministry of Finance
- **Discussion**

15.40 Coffee break

16.10 The critical issues of evidence based policy: panel discussion

- Chair: Professor Jorma Rantanen
- Professor Enrico Giovannini / OECD
- Professor Richard Blundell / Institute for Fiscal Studies
- Director Berthol Leefink / Ministry of Economics Affairs
- Director General Suvi-Anne Siimes / Pharma Industry of Finland
- State Secretary Mikko Alkio / Ministry of Employment and the Economy
- State Under-Secretary Martti Hetemäki / Ministry of Finance

17.10 Cocktails



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