

Governance of innovation policies

Policy Profiles

National strategies for STI

National strategies for science, technology and innovation (STI) have become a major pillar of post-crisis growth strategies and serve several functions in government policy making. First, they articulate the government's vision regarding the contribution of STI to a country's social and economic development. Second, they set priorities for public investment in STI and identify the focus of government reforms (e.g. the funding of university research, evaluation systems). [Read more...](#) [1]

System innovation

Interest in system innovation is motivated by the realisation that system-wide change is necessary to make economies socially, economically and environmentally sustainable. Although many national governments have put sustainability and green growth objectives at the centre of their economic development strategies, achieving this goal will require wide-ranging changes in their underlying economic, technological and social systems. [Read more...](#) [2]

Strategic public/private partnerships in STI

For governments, public-private partnerships (PPPs) in science, technology and innovation (STI) can help make research and innovation policy more responsive to the changing nature of innovation and to social and global challenges. For business, partnering with public research can help solve problems, develop new markets or generate value through co-operation and co-production. [Read more...](#) [3]

Public engagement in STI policy

Over the last decade, processes of public engagement – in which members of diverse publics express their views, concerns and recommendations – have become increasingly common features of STI policy. There are multiple rationales for public engagement in STI policy. [Read more...](#) [4]

Public sector innovation

Innovation in the public sector refers to significant improvements to public administration and/or services. It can be defined as the implementation by a public sector organisation of new or significantly improved process, methods or services aimed at improving a public sector unit's operations or outcomes. [Read more...](#) [5]

Evaluation and impact assessment of STI policies

In the field of STI as in other policy areas, the role of evaluations and impact assessments is to provide an informed assessment of public policy interventions in terms of their efficiency, their effectiveness and, often to a lesser extent, their relevance. The results of these exercises can contribute to the policy-making process in different ways, from supporting the accountability of public spending to enhancing policy learning. [Read more...](#) [6]

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