

Multi-level Governance of Catalonia's S&T&I policy (OECD Reviews of Regional Innovation: Catalonia, Spain 2010)

Catalonia's S&T and innovation policies are embedded in a multi-level governance context. In this policy field, both EU and Spanish policy streams are significant. Catalonia must also co-ordinate across its different local governments. Local actors are increasingly making efforts to support innovation in terms of both soft and hard infrastructure. As discussed in Chapter 2, Catalonia has developed its own policies in part as a function of the objectives, policy content, resources and evaluations set by policy makers elsewhere. Given this mutual dependence, Catalonia needs opportunities to co-design, when possible, the policies originating at other levels of government. Secondly, it needs instruments to help effectively share and co-ordinate these S&T and innovation competencies. The governments of both Spain and Catalonia recognise that more co-ordination is needed to guarantee greater effectiveness in co-design and implementation in this policy field.

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