

ICE INFORMATION

Mission

ICE strives at providing a foundation for fact-based entrepreneurship policies.

The International Consortium on Entrepreneurship (ICE) is a consortium of leading entrepreneurship countries working to improve the analytical foundation for entrepreneurship policies.

The consortium was established in 2004 by FORA, a research division under the Danish Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs. Today the consortium has seven country members, which meet twice a year.

The consortium countries collaborate on various projects. The projects do not aim at producing new data, but to critically demand and buy accurate entrepreneurship data from other respectable sources designed to meet the specific needs of the member countries.

The consortium also initiates comparative policy analysis in order to improve our understanding of the functioning of entrepreneurship policies

Projects

Yearly collection of existing data

The consortium has initiated a unique collection of existing entrepreneurship indicators, which are updated and made available for members every year. In addition, the quality of these indicators are assessed and documented in the publication “Quality Assessment of Entrepreneurship Indicators”. So far, FORA has performed this task.

Yearly collection of new data

Constructing new entrepreneurship data is challenging and requires years of experience together with large international network. Therefore starting in 2005, the consortium has teamed up with the OECD. Together, the OECD and the consortium have started new cutting edge projects including collection and validation of new types of more international comparable start-up rates across countries, and collection of new data on high-growth firms.

Policy analysis

Apart from data collection, the consortium engages in policy analysis work. Some of the projects include regional entrepreneurship infrastructures, risk capital markets (both a policy and data track), entrepreneurship education and bankruptcy.

Members

The consortium has seven member countries including Canada, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden, the Netherlands, UK, the US and the OECD. See full list of members and contact persons.

Each member contributes with €30.000 yearly. The members decide biannually on new entrepreneurship projects. The ICE budget and project voting rounds are decided by members only.

Apart from the members, some countries such as Ireland have been affiliated with the consortium and have joined meetings on a regular basis without being members of the consortium.

Partners

The consortium consists of a mix of policy makers and researchers. A number of leading research institutions are among ICE's partners, for instance the German Max Placks Institute of Economics. See full list of ICE partners here.

Secretariat

The Danish ICE member and founder of the consortium, FORA, serves as secretariat for the consortium.

As ICE Secretariat, FORA organises meetings, arranges contact with members and partners and together with members, FORA provides the consortium with project ideas, scoping papers and ICE project management.

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