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## General Comments by the PMO

- The OECD-report deals with core issues and the messages are highly relevant from PMO's point of view
- The report is very timely; we are preparing ideas and operational models for the next Gnt term
- Recommendations of the report will have a direct and immediate use in our ongoing development processes
- International perspective is a welcome input to our development work: a wider view; connects different aspects of Governance
- The PMO emphasizes the political perspective on the Governance challenges



# Strategic agility

## The whole-of-government approach:

- Pressure to strengthen the capacity to adjust policies and to react quickly during the Gnt term is growing (most recently economic crisis, ash clouds, school shootings)
- Recent experiences demonstrate that decisive action is possible when there is a strong political will
  - > *Yet, we have way to go to have an ideal situation*
- Both anticipating longer term “slow” developments in the society as well as suddenly emerging needs to react require new ways for the Government’s functioning
- What are the “frameworks to enable fast and quality decisions”
  - > *Development project to enhance effective and comprehensive implementation of to Gnt programme > recommendations for the next Gnt*



## Strategic insight

- Capacity to manage horizontal priorities
  - How to prioritize: the first weeks after the approval of the Government Programme are critical
  - Continuation of Gnt cross-cutting Policy Programmes; development of the model
- Flexibility and continuity of the Gnt foresight work
- Evidence-based policy-making: how to guarantee that relevant data and policy-analysis meets the decisionmakers' interest timely
  - *Development project to enhance better use of information in the policy-making processes*
  - *Cycle thinking and learning: policy challenges overlap Gnt terms and are more and more long term*
  - *Constant Gnt scanning function missing in Finland*



## Main themes on the present development agenda

### CONTINUING CHALLENGES

- Horizontal governance
- Strengthening political steering

### NEW EMPHASIS

- Capacity to anticipate and react
- Better use of evidence in policy-making