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János Bertók leads the OECD activities for promoting integrity, strategic public procurement, control and audit in the public sector. The OECD helps policy makers and practitioners build a comprehensive and coherent integrity system, cultivate a culture of integrity and strengthen accountability, through risk-based internal control and effective oversight.

The OECD comparative analysis supports evidence-based policy debate and standard setting, including emerging and high-risk areas to integrity, such as lobbying and political financing. The OECD is in the forefront of providing comparative data, mapping out good practices and developing principles, policy guidelines and practical tools for policy makers and managers.

The ground-breaking work of the OECD involves international instruments such as the 2017 Recommendations on Public Integrity; the 2015 Recommendation on Public Procurement; the 2010 Recommendation on Transparency and Integrity in Lobbying, and the 2003 Recommendation on Managing Conflict of Interest in the Public Service. The OECD also supports the G20 efforts in advancing transparency, accountability and integrity, as well as strengthening anti-corruption standards, in particular with good practice reports and developing G20 Principles on managing conflict of interest, customs integrity, protecting whistleblowers, asset disclosures, and public procurement, among others.

Before joining the OECD in 1997, Mr. Bertók was a senior civil servant in the Prime Minister's Office in Hungary in charge of the modernisation of public administration. His previous career focused on creating new legal and institutional frameworks for the civil service in the transition period.