Achieving a multilateral review process

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Outline

- Norwegian interests in the review process
- Requirements for the review process



Different perspectives on the review process

- Economic perspective
- Systemic perspective
- Source of learning for domestic policy formulation

• → Impact on available resources



Three requirements

- Notifications have to be there
- Informative and accessible
- Achieveing a multilateral review process



Getting notifications in place

- Preparing review process through notifications
- Intensive work during past year
- Recent notifications three years on domestic support
- Thorough review of routines and systems
 - deadlines
 - division of labour
 - accountability
- Insuring against staff turnover
 - self explanatory systems



Making notifications accessible and informative

- Resource constraints a fact of life
- Presenting policy
 - informative notifications
 - sources as far as possible
- Presenting policy trends and developments
 - interest both in change of policy and in changes in trends
 - electronic spreadsheets?



Conclusion: Achieving a multilateral review process

- An effective review process as a common good
- 1. Timely submissions of informative and accessible notifications
- 2. Expanding the audience to the wider membership
- 3. Demystifying the review process