

cooperation with non-member countries, the science and business communities, civil society, and other international and regional organizations, as appropriate, in the formulation and implementation of S&T and innovation policies.

Recent and ongoing activities of the CSTP and its working parties include the following:

#### **Working Party of National Experts on S&T Indicators (NESTI)**

- updating of R&D data bases for S&T indicators; revision of the Frascati Manual
- Basic Science and Technology Statistics publication
- updating of the analytical business enterprise database, R&D Expenditure in Industry
- New Main Science and Technology Indicators publication
- methodological developments in patent counts and constructing families
- develop statistical knowledge of Human Resources for S&T, notably concerning International Mobility
- Biotechnology statistics
- evaluation of innovation surveys methodology
- implementing OECD S&T indicators in selected non-member developing and emerging market economy countries
- improving measures of human capital in S&T

#### **Working Party on Biotechnology**

**Objective:** providing advice on emerging policy-relevant issues of science, technology and innovation related to biotechnology with a view to assisting the development, application and diffusion of products, processes, infrastructure and services

**Main themes:**

- biotechnology for human health, considering particularly the impact of the scientific advances in genomics and genetics, including their social and economic implications;
- industrial biotechnology
- support to Biological Resource Centres

**Programme of work :**

- survey on Quality Assurance Measures and Proficiency Testing Schemes for Molecular Genetic Testing in OECD countries
- Genomics and Informatics: Privacy and Security issues
- Genetic Inventions, Intellectual property rights and licensing practices
- Infectious diseases; a review of current and future challenges
- support for Biological Resource Centres