



# 2021

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1, 2 and 5 July 2021, Webinar series

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### Background and setup

Productivity gaps across firms are large and persistent in most countries and sectors. These gaps, however, present an important potential for lifting productivity if their underlying causes are addressed. To what extent the diffusion of advanced managerial practices and the overall improvement of workers and managers skills can help narrowing these gaps? How can public policies ensure that the digital transformation and the rise of intangible assets, which have been accelerated by the COVID-19 shock, do not exacerbate but rather reduce existing disparities in income and productivity? These questions become even more pressing as governments are in the process of shaping the path to the post-crisis economic recovery.

The conference is envisaged to be held back-to-back with the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting. The conference main events will be held on 8 and 9 July. The first day will focus on **skills and productivity**, while the second day's focus will be on **digitalisation and productivity**. There will be a high-level panel discussion of G20 Ministers and Governors on the second day.

The agenda is structured in modules to allow for the realisation of a **hybrid event** where the main events take place in **Venice on 8 and 9 July** with physical participation of speakers and attendees and the possibility to join online, and are preceded by a series of three **online webinars on 1,2 and 5 July**.

### About the GFP

The **OECD Global Forum on Productivity (GFP)** aims to foster international co-operation between public bodies with responsibility for promoting productivity-enhancing policies. It was set up by interested OECD member states and other countries and provides a platform for participants to convene in order to exchange information and discuss best practices, as well as a framework in which to undertake productivity analysis that is complementary to the OECD's regular work programme. Higher productivity opens up opportunities for growth in times of demographic change, creates scope for the distribution of wealth, secures international competitiveness, enables the financing of a better quality of public services, and facilitates the provision of care for an increasing number of older people. By advising on productivity-enhancing policies, the GFP therefore contributes to meeting these broader objectives.

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## Day 1- 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### Master of Ceremony: Ottavio Ricchi (Italian Treasury)

<b>11:15-11:20</b>	<b>Welcoming remarks</b> Mathias Cormann (Secretary-General, OECD)
<b>11:20-12:00</b>	<b>Welcome speeches</b> Laurence Boone (Chief Economist, OECD) Riccardo Barbieri (Chief Economist, Italian Treasury) Luigi Federico Signorini (Senior Deputy Governor, Bank of Italy)
<b>12:00-12:45</b>	<b>Keynote speech</b> Chair : Alvaro Pereira (OECD) Oriana Bandiera (LSE)  <b>General discussion</b>
<b>12:45-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>14:00-14:45</b>	<b>Key Highlights of the Human Side of Productivity report of the GFP</b> Chair: Stefan Profit (Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, Germany)  <b>The Human Side of Productivity: new cross-country evidence to uncover the role of skills and diversity for firm level productivity</b> Peter Gal (OECD)  <b>Discussant</b> Alexandra Roulet (INSEAD)  <b>General discussion</b>
<b>14:45-15:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>15:00-16:00</b>	<b>Panel discussion</b> <b>Organising work and industrial relations for productivity growth in the post-COVID world: the role of public policies</b>  Moderator: Stefano Scarpetta (OECD)  Participants:  Anna Valero (LSE) Andrea Brandolini (Bank of Italy) Pierre Habbard (TUAC) Francesca Mazzolari (Confindustria, Italy)
<b>20:00-22:00</b>	<b>Dinner</b> Speech outside the field of economics: Senseable Cities by Carlo Ratti (MIT Senseable Cities Lab)

## Day 2- 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### Master of Ceremony: Valeria Patella (Sapienza University)

<b>11:30-12:00</b>	<b>Introductory remarks</b> Daniele Franco (Minister of Economy and Finance, Italy) Mathias Cormann (Secretary-General, OECD) Ignazio Visco (Governor of the Bank of Italy)
<b>12:00-12:45</b>	<b>High-level panel discussion among G20 policymakers</b>  <b>Digitalisation, intangibles and potential growth in a post-COVID world</b> Moderator: Martin Wolf (Financial Times)  Participants: Christine Lagarde (President of ECB) Andrew Bailey (Governor, Bank of England) Arturo Herrera Gutiérrez (Minister of Finance, Mexico) Martin Guzman (Minister of Economy, Argentina)
<b>12:45-15:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>15:00-15:30</b>	<b>Productivity gains from teleworking in the post COVID-19 era : How can public policies make it happen?</b> Chair: Alexander Robson (Ambassador of Australia to the OECD)  <b>Results from the GFP survey on telework</b> Timo Leidecker (OECD) and Francesco Losma (Bocconi University)  <b>General discussion</b>
<b>15:30-16:15</b>	<b>Keynote speech</b> Chair: Chiara Criscuolo (OECD) Daron Acemoglu (MIT)  <b>General discussion</b>
<b>16:15-17:00</b>	<b>The OECD contribution to the Italian G20 Presidency</b> Chair: Federico Giammusso (Italian Treasury)  <b>Highlights from the G20 Framework Working Group report</b> Giuseppe Nicoletti (OECD), Cecilia Jona Lasinio (G20 Italian presidency) <b>Discussant</b> Marco Buti (European Commission)  <b>General discussion</b>
<b>17:00-17:30</b>	<b>Concluding remarks and next steps</b> Alain de Serres (OECD) Erik Canton (European Commission) Ottavio Ricchi (Italian Treasury)

## Webinar 1: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 13:15-16:10

### Webinar 1-Part A: Workforce composition and productivity

#### 13:15-13:30 Introduction

Speaker: Riccardo Cristadoro (Bank of Italy, Italian Treasury)

#### 13:30-14:35 Session 1: How workforce composition, managerial talent and firm organisation affect productivity

Chair: Luiz de Mello (OECD)

##### Speakers

Giorgio Barba Navaretti (Università degli Studi di Milano) | 20 mins

Sauro Mocetti (Bank of Italy) | 20 mins

##### Lead discussant

Erik Canton (European Commission) | 10 mins

**General discussion** | 10 mins

#### 14:35-14:50 Coffee Break

### Webinar 1 part B: Work practices and productivity post-Covid

#### 14:50-16:10 Session 2: Upskilling, advanced work practices and productivity in a socially distant world: evidence from the private and public sectors

Chair: Andrew Wyckoff (OECD)

##### Speakers

Alessandra Fenizia (George Washington University) | 20 mins

Daniel Rock (University of Pennsylvania) | 20 mins

Tito Boeri (Bocconi University) | 20 mins

##### Lead discussant

Dan Mawson (Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, United Kingdom) | 10 mins

## Webinar 2: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 13:00-14:30

### Webinar 2: The Human Side of Productivity –experiences from selected countries

Chair: Rita Bessone-Basto (Ministry of the Economy, Portugal)

13:00-14:30

#### Country-specific analyses

##### Italy

Francesco Nucci (Sapienza University, Italian Treasury) | 20 mins

##### France

Vincent Aussilloux, Dimitris Mavridis (France Stratégie) | 20 mins

##### Belgium

Gert Bijnens (National Bank of Belgium) | 20 mins

##### Lead discussant

Brindusa Anghel (Bank of Spain) | 10 mins

**General discussion** | 10 mins

## Webinar 3 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 13:00-14:30

### Webinar 3: Digitalisation, Intangibles and Productivity

Chair: Dirk Pilat (OECD)

13:00-14:30

#### Session 3: Digitalisation, intangibles and productivity

##### Speakers

Janice Eberly (Northwestern University) | 20 mins

Maarten de Ridder (LSE) | 20 mins

Eric Hazan (McKinsey) | 20 mins

##### Lead discussant

Reinhilde Veugelers (KU Leuven) | 10 mins

**General discussion** | 10 mins