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Annual Conference of the OECD Global Forum on Productivity 8,9 July 2021 - Italy

Wrap-up session and way forward

GFP 2020 annual conference, 8 December - Virtual Meeting



Main features of the Conference..., the "plan"

The conference will be held alongside the G20 Ministerial meeting.

Promoted by the Italian Presidency and organized jointly by the Ministry of Economy and Finance, the Bank of Italy and the OECD/GFP

It will look at productivity from two relevant and connected angles:

- the role of human capital (skills, education, qualification, gender, age) and how effectively the labor mix is used in relation to organizational decisions and managerial practices, and on policy measures that can improve the current settings;
- the impact of digitalization and intangibles also looking at recent and incoming trends in the aftermath of the Covid19 outbreak; policy issues will be raised and discussed from a global perspective.

Bridging the gap with Berlin

The goals to promote productivity, widespreading it across all sectors and firms and enhancing the resilience of the economy are still in place

However, the 2021 conference aims to complete and extend the Berlin 2020 findings by shifting the focus from industrial policies and competition issues to policies aimed at fostering human capital,

thus, (i) the close relationship between digitization and investment in intangible assets and (ii) the need to realign incomes and levels of productivity will certainly be highlighted

The convergence issues will be strongly emphasized by the G20 section of the conference, as its one of the three overarching themes promoted by the Italian Presidency: People, Planet, and Prosperity.

First Day sessions & topics

- Presentation of the GFP Human Side of Productivity report “The influence of skills, managerial talent and organisational capital on productivity”; horizontal project.
- Session on country specific analysis
- Panel discussion. Organizing work and industrial relations for productivity growth in the post-COVID world: the role of public policies
- Session on: How workforce composition, managerial talent and firm organization affect productivity
- Session on: Upskilling, advanced work practices and productivity in a socially distant world: evidence from the private and public sector



Second Day sessions & topics

- G20 high level panel – Central Bank Governors and Ministers of Finances - on " Digital transformation and intangible investments as key drivers for productivity recovery "
- Keynote speech and main policy challenges for the post-COVID global economy
- Highlights from multipronged analytical work carried out by the OECD as a contribution to the Italian G20 presidency
- Session on Digitalization, intangibles and productivity growth in the G20 economies