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Dirk Pilat, a Dutch national, is Deputy Director of the OECD Directorate for *Science, Technology and Innovation*. He supports the Director of STI in overseeing OECD's work on innovation, business and productivity dynamics, science and technology, digital economy policy, consumer policy as well as the statistical work associated with each of these areas. He also helps ensure this work contributes to the strategic objectives of the Organisation to support and develop better policies for better lives.

Dirk joined the OECD in February 1994 and has worked on many policy issues since then, including innovation, the role of digital technologies for economic growth, climate change and environmental innovation, labour markets, regulatory reform, global value chains, productivity and entrepreneurship, as well as health innovation. He is currently helping to coordinate the OECD's new *Going Digital* project, which is a multidisciplinary, cross-cutting initiative that aims to help policymakers better understand the digital transformation that is taking place and help articulate recommendations for pro-active policies that will help to drive greater growth and societal well-being.

Dirk was responsible for the OECD's Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy from 2006 to January 2009, and for the Committee on Industry, Innovation and Entrepreneurship from February 2009 to December 2012.

Before joining the OECD, he was a researcher at the University of Groningen, where he also earned his PhD in Economics, working primarily on productivity and economic growth.