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Labour and social policy update

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Employment is holding up but its growth slowed down in recent months

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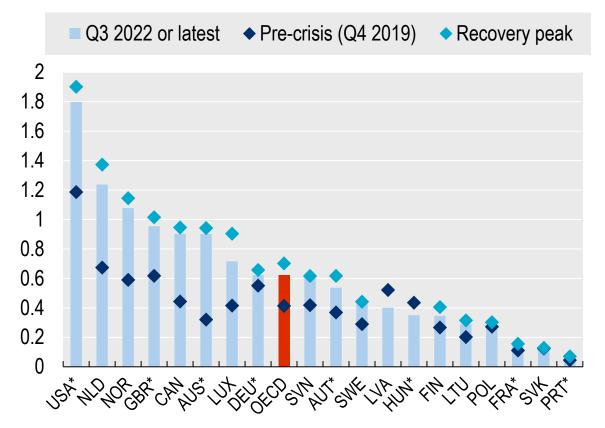
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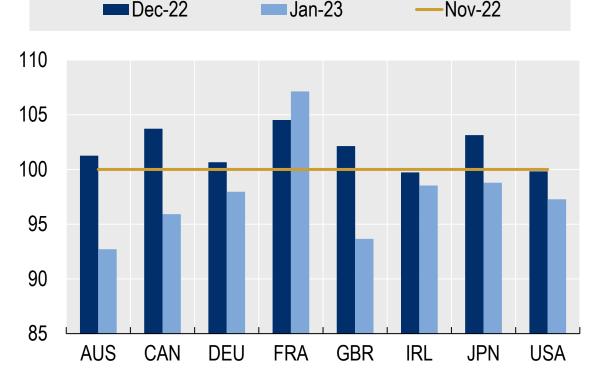
Change in total employment, seasonally adjusted, Dec 2019 = 100

While pressure is easing, labour markets remain tight in many countries

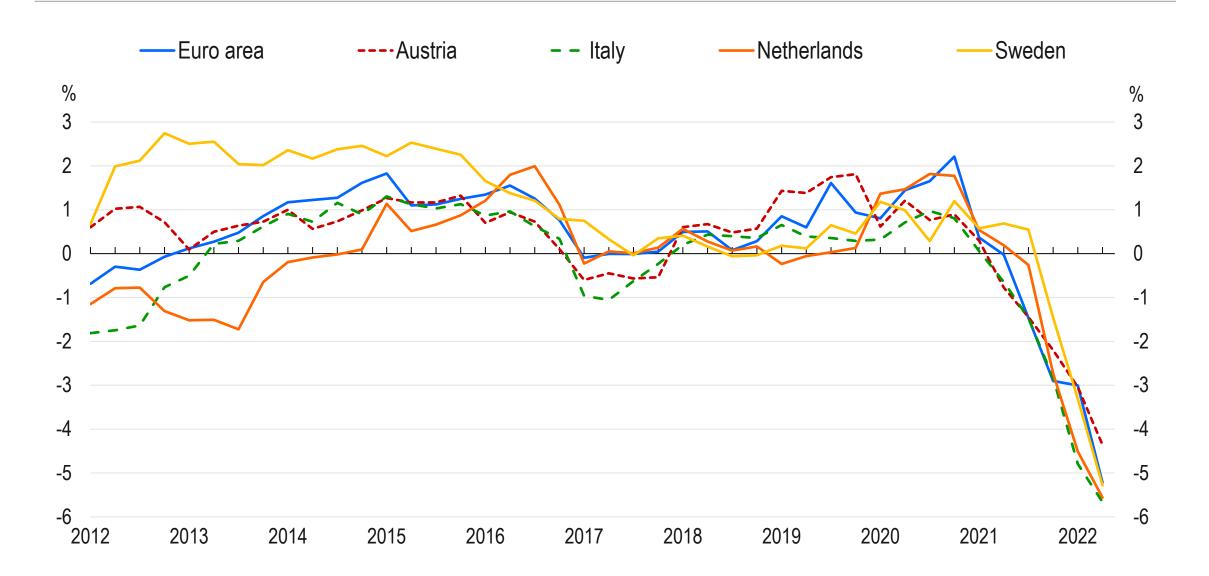
Number of vacancies per unemployed person, seasonally adjusted, national definitions



Note : Les données sur les postes vacants ne sont pas harmonisées entre les pays. *T 2022 Online job postings on Indeed, seasonally adjusted, Nov 2022 =100

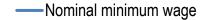


Real negotiated wages are falling, even in countries with widespread collective bargaining

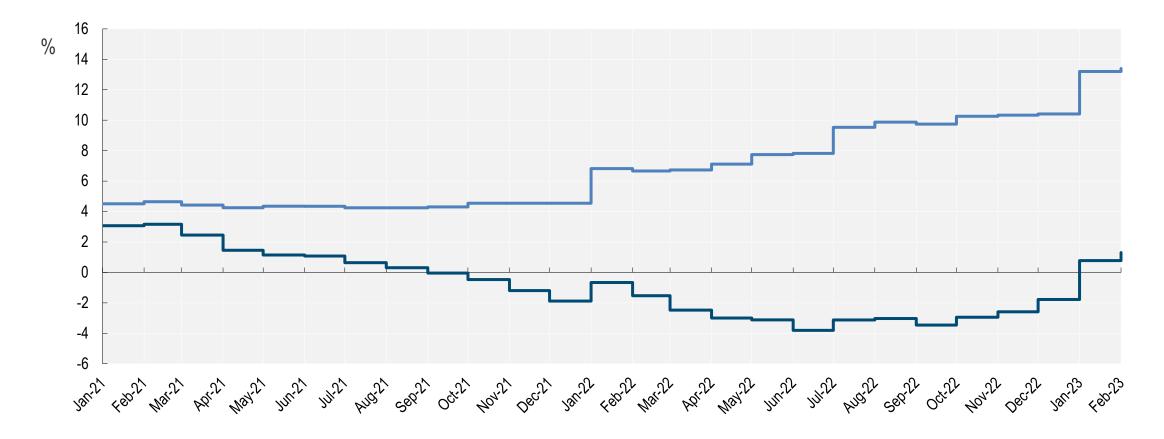


Minimum wages are not keeping up with soaring inflation

Year-on-year % change in nominal and real minimum wage Jan 2021-Feb 2023, OECD unweighted average

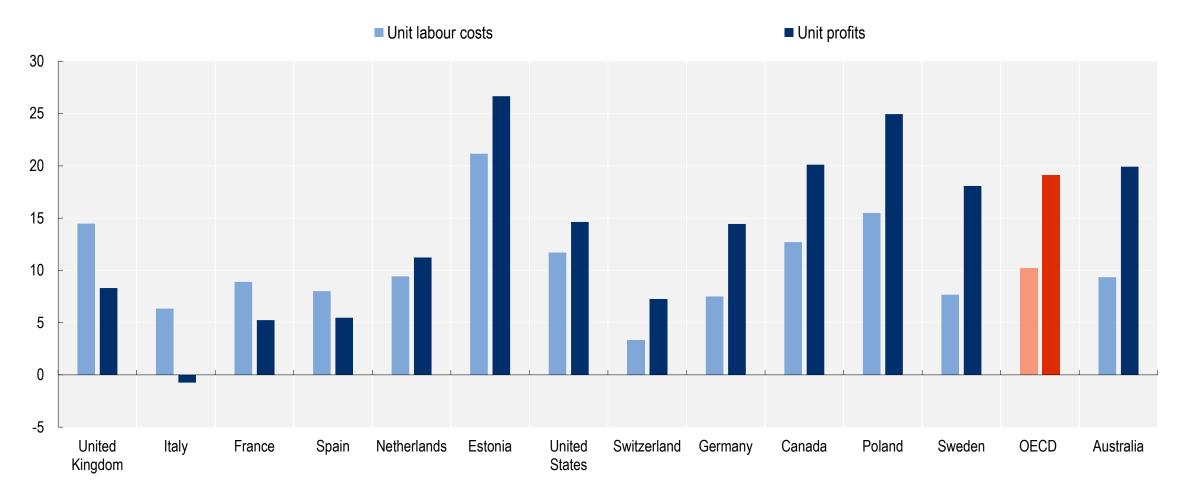


----Real minimum wage



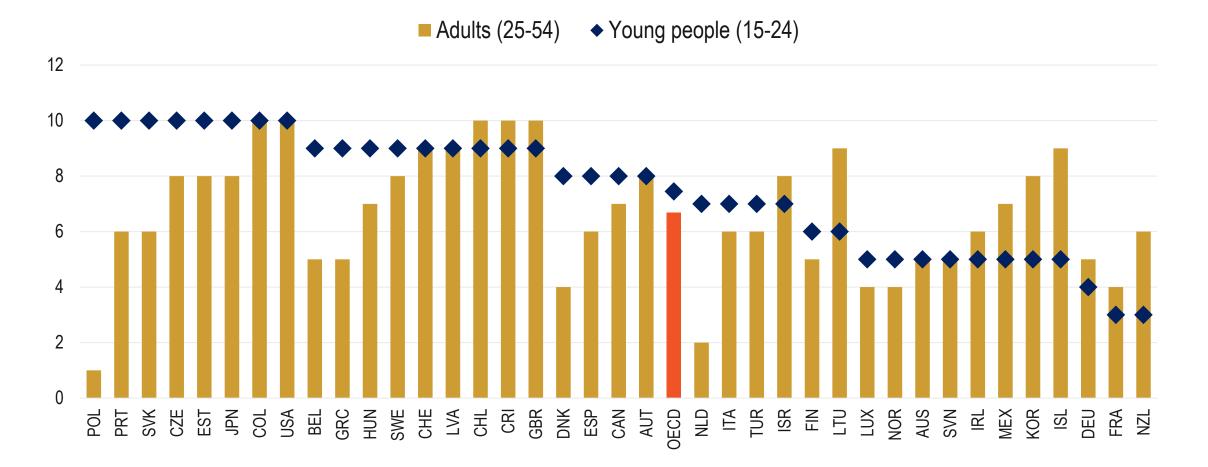
Profits have increased more than (nominal) labour costs in many countries

Percentage changes, seasonally adjusted, from Q4 2019 to Q3 2022



Young people felt the effects of the crisis for longer

Number of quarters with employment rates below pre-crisis level, Q4 2019 to Q2 2022, by age group



Protecting the most vulnerable households

- Adjusting minimum wages to inflation not necessarily indexation
- Sharing the cost of inflation fairly between employers and workers
- Targeted and temporary support to low-income households
- Using the existing tax and benefits systems to cushion the shock





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Real minimum wages are struggling to keep up with inflation while real negotiated wages are plummeting

Year-on-year % change in nominal and real minimum wage Jan 2021-Feb 2023, OECD unweighted average

Finland Australia -Nominal minimum wage ----Real minimum wage Germany France Germany (incl. Lump sums) Netherlands -- Netherlands (incl. Lump sums) 16 14 2 12 10 0 8 -2 6 4 -4 2 -6 0 -2 -8 -4 -10 -6 501 , 60'

Year-on-year % change in real negotiated wages Private sector, 2015 Q1-2022 Q4