

OECD Trento Centre for Local Development and its OECD Spatial Productivity Lab

Skills across jobs: addressing local labour shortages

*Spatial productivity for regional and local development
20th meeting*

20 June 2023 | DIGITAL EVENT

AGENDA



■ The OECD Trento Centre for Local Development

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■ The OECD Spatial Productivity Lab

The OECD Spatial Productivity Lab (SPL) is a dedicated research laboratory that works with local and global partners to improve our understanding of the spatial dimension of productivity growth, the relevance of links between different types of places and how regional policy can facilitate productivity growth, creation of better jobs and increased well-being.

■ Venue of the meeting

Virtual meeting over ZOOM.

To participate, please register [here](#). Link with log-in details will be sent to all registered participants.

■ Language

The meeting will be held in English.

■ Websites

OECD Trento Centre: www.trento.oecd.org

OECD Spatial Productivity Lab: oe.cd/SPL

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Tuesday
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Venue: *Virtual meeting over ZOOM* | 15.30-16.30 CET (Rome time zone) | 9:30am – 10:30am (New York time zone)

Employers across cities and regions throughout the OECD are experiencing severe difficulties in hiring workers with the necessary skills. This webinar will look at the latest evidence and discuss how labour and skills shortages can affect firm productivity. It will also consider how a skills-based approach can improve the matching of workers more flexibly across jobs, as compared to educational background and work experience, and better address needs for up-skilling, reskilling and adult learning.


Chair: *Wessel Vermeulen*, Economist, Trento Centre for Local Development, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE), OECD

15.25-15.30 ○ ZOOM meeting open for connection


15.30-15.45 ○ **Introduction**

 *Kristine Langenbacher*, Head of Unit Labour and Skills, Local Employment, Skills and Social Innovation Division, CFE, OECD

15.45-15.55 ○ **A case study on labour shortages in Atlantic Canada**

 *Tony Fang*, Professor and Stephen Jarislowsky Chair in Economic and Cultural Transformation Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada

15.55-16.10 ○ **How labour shortages affect firm growth and productivity**

 *Klaas de Vries*, Senior Economist, The Conference Board and *Marion Devine*, Principal Researcher, Human Capital, Europe, The Conference Board

16.10-16.20 ○ **Local solutions to address skills shortages: the case of Biscay**

Juan Gamboa, Researcher, Orkestra, Basque Country, Spain

16.20-16.25 ○ **Q&A**

16.25-16.30 ○ **Closing remarks**

Kristine Langenbacher, Head of Unit Labour and Skills, Local Employment, Skills and Social Innovation Division, CFE, OECD

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