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Challenges for productivity growth
in the post COVID-19 era



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Welcoming remarks



Mr. Mathias Cormann

Secretary-General, OECD

Mr. Mathias Cormann is the 6th Secretary-General of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

His five-year term commenced on 1 June 2021.

Working with OECD members, his priorities as Secretary-General are to:

- Help maximise the strength of the economic recovery in the wake of COVID-19;
- Drive and promote global leadership on ambitious and effective action on climate change to achieve global net-zero emissions by 2050;
- Finalise a multilateral approach to digital taxation;
- Seize the opportunities and better manage the risks in the digital economy;
- Promote market-based policies and a rules-based international order; and to Strengthen the engagement and outreach of the OECD into the Asia-Pacific.

Prior to his appointment to the OECD, Mathias served as the Australian Minister for Finance, the Leader of the Government in the Australian Senate and as Federal Senator representing the State of Western Australia.

In these roles, he has been a strong advocate for the positive power of open markets, free trade and the importance of a rules-based international trading system.

Mathias was born and raised in the German-speaking part of Belgium.

He migrated to Australia in 1996, attracted by the great lifestyle and opportunities on offer in Western Australia.

Before migrating to Perth, Mathias had graduated in law at the Flemish Catholic University of Louvain (Leuven), following studies at the University of Namur and, as part of the European Erasmus Student Exchange Program, at the University of East Anglia.

Between 1997 and 2003, he worked as Chief of Staff as well as Senior Adviser to various State and Federal Ministers in Australia and for the Premier of Western Australia.

Between 2003 and 2007, Mathias worked for major Western Australian health insurer HBF in a range of senior management roles.



Ms. Elena Flores

Deputy Director General, European Commission

In March 2021, **Ms. Elena Flores** was appointed Deputy-Director General at the Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs, where she is responsible for International and Investment. Since she joined DG ECFIN, Ms. Flores has held several senior management positions, including Director for International economic and financial relations, global governance (2015-2021); Director for Policy Strategy and Coordination (2011 – 2015); Director for Economies and Member States II (2007 – 2009). Previously, she worked as head of the units “Public finance in the euro area and the EU” (from 2002) and “Monetary union: technical and financial market questions” (from 1997). Between 1999 and 2002, Ms. Flores served as Advisor in Commissioner Solbes’ office, responsible for economic policies, employment, taxation and financial issues. Before joining DG ECFIN, Ms. Flores worked in the Directorate General for Budget, in particular undertaking the financial reform of the European Community (1987-1990). Ms. Flores was an assistant professor at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) in the field of international economics. She has a Master’s degree from the UAB and a Master in European Economy from the College of Europe in Brugge, Belgium.

Keynote speech and conversation



Mr. Ottavio Ricchi

Head of Unit, Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance

Mr. Ottavio Ricchi is Head of Unit in the Economic and Financial Analysis and Planning Directorate of the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance; he is responsible for potential output and structural public finance estimates, debt sustainability projections and productivity analysis. He is the main delegate for Italy at the EU-Output Gap Working Group and at the GFP. While working for the Ministry, which he joined in 1998,

he was formerly in charge of the macroeconomic forecasts unit and of the liaison unit with the Economic Policy Committee in Brussels. He also attended the WP1 and STEP meetings at the OECD and the Lisbon Methodology working group and Expert Meetings at the EU. Besides, he held a position in the Research Division of the State General Accounting Department. He graduated at the University of Naples and holds a MSc in economics at the University of York (UK) and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Exeter (UK). His main areas of interests include: productivity analysis, economic modeling, public finance and international economics.



Mr. Corrado di Maria

Professor, University of East Anglia

Mr. di Maria is Professor in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics at the University of East Anglia in Norwich (UK). He has broad research interests spanning environmental and natural resource economics, energy economics, the economics of growth and development as well as technological change. The key feature of his work is an emphasis on both theoretical and empirical aspects, as well as its policy relevance.

His most recent research deals with the interaction between environmental policy and natural resource use, the taxation of exhaustible resources, emissions trading schemes and their impact on firms' behaviour and productivity, the role of skills in the process of economic growth, and (directed) technological change.

Policy panel: The accelerated green transition in the post-COVID-19 era: what implications for productivity?



Mr. Marco Buti

Chief of Staff of the Commissioner, European Commission

Mr. Marco Buti joined the European Commission in 1987. He is currently Chief of Staff of the Commissioner for the economy, Paolo Gentiloni, and was Director-General for Economic and Financial Affairs at the European Commission between 2008 and 2019 after a spell as Deputy Director-General and Director for national economies. He has been the Commission Finance Deputy at G7 and G20. A graduate of the universities of Florence and Oxford, he has been visiting professor at various universities in Europe. Over the last two decades, he has published eight books and many scholarly articles and policy papers on Economic and Monetary Union, the political economy of European integration, macroeconomic and financial policies, unemployment and welfare state reforms, and global economic governance. His latest book, *The Man Inside – A European Journey through Two Crises*, that revisits the economic policy design and implementation in Europe over the past decade, was published in October.



Mr. Philipp Steinberg

Director-General, German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action

Dr. Philipp Steinberg studied law and political economy, as well as taxation, in Berlin, Münster and Paris, receiving his doctorate in 2001. In addition to the 1st and 2nd state examinations in law, he holds a Licence d'Etat Francais and an MBA. After working in a large law firm, he was employed in the Federal Ministry of Finance, as well as the party executive of the Social Democratic Party of Germany. In 2013, he moved to the Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Action as a sub-department head, and since 2016 he is Director General of the Economic Policy Department.

**Mr. Philip Lane**

Member, Executive Board of the European Central Bank (ECB)

Mr. Philip R. Lane joined the European Central Bank as a Member of the Executive Board in 2019. He is responsible for the Directorate General Economics and the Directorate General Monetary Policy. Before joining the ECB, he was the Governor of the Central Bank of Ireland. He has also chaired the Advisory Scientific Committee and Advisory Technical Committee of the European Systemic Risk Board and was Whately Professor of Political Economy at Trinity College Dublin. He is also a research fellow at the Centre for Economic Policy Research. A graduate of Trinity College Dublin, he was awarded a PhD in Economics from Harvard University in 1995 and was Assistant Professor of Economics and International Affairs at Columbia University from 1995 to 1997, before returning to Dublin. In 2001 he was the inaugural recipient of the Bernácer Prize for outstanding contributions to European monetary economics.

**Ms. Laura Diaz Anadon**

Professor, University of Cambridge

Professor Laura Diaz Anadon holds the chaired Professorship of Climate Change Policy at the University of Cambridge, where she is also the Director of the Centre for Environment, Energy and Natural Resource Governance (CEENRG). She is a long-standing Research Associate at the Harvard Kennedy School (HKS), where she was also a faculty member.

Among other public roles, Prof. Diaz Anadon is a Lead Author in the 6th Assessment Report of the IPCC Working Group III on Mitigating Climate Change, a member of the Economics of Decarbonization Advisory Group for the UK Treasury's Net Zero Review, and on the Board of Directors of Cambridge Enterprise Ltd. She was awarded the XVII Fundacion Banco Sabadell Prize for Economic Research for the best young Spanish economics researcher and a Distinguished Visiting Professorship at Tsinghua University. In March 2022 she was selected as a member of the European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate.

**Mr. Sven Smit**

Chairman and Director, McKinsey Global Institute

Mr. Sven Smit is a senior partner in McKinsey's Amsterdam office. As a member of McKinsey's global leadership team, he oversees the firm's insights and ecosystems globally. He is also the chair of the McKinsey Global Institute (MGI), the firm's think tank. Sven has co-authored two books, *The Granularity of Growth* and *Strategy Beyond the Hockey Stick*, and a wide variety of McKinsey and MGI reports and articles. He serves all industries, with deepest experience in telecommunications, high tech, and consumer. Sven also contributes to society in an initiative called NL2025 that is committed to a better future for the Netherlands.

Session 1: The green transition and productivity

**Mr. Luiz de Mello**

Director, OECD

Mr. Luiz de Mello is Director of the Policy Studies Branch in the Economics Department of the OECD. Together with the policy studies teams, Mr. de Mello provides leadership and strategic direction within the economics department, ensuring the design and implementation of analysis and policies that promote stronger, cleaner, fairer and more inclusive economic growth for member and partner countries. Structural policy surveillance, short and long-term economic outlooks, public finance and macroeconomic policy analysis are among the key workstreams for policy studies.

Earlier in his career, Mr. de Mello held senior positions at the OECD, including Deputy-Director of the Public Governance Directorate and Chief of Staff and Counsellor to the Chief Economist. Prior to joining the OECD, he worked as a Senior Economist at the Fiscal Affairs Department of the International Monetary Fund, and as a Lecturer at the Economics Department of the University of Kent, United Kingdom. He holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Kent, United Kingdom.

**Ms. Paula Bustos**

Associate Professor, Center for Monetary and Financial Studies (CEMFI)

Ms. Paula Bustos is Associate Professor of Economics at CEMFI, Research Fellow at the European Economic Association and the CEPR and Co-editor at the Journal of International Economics. She obtained her PhD in Economics at Harvard University and her Bachelor Degree at Universidad Torcuato di Tella in Argentina. Her research lies at the intersection of international and development economics. Her first line of research investigated the effects of trade liberalization on technology adoption and the skill composition of exporting firms. A second research line studies the effects of new agricultural technologies, such as GM crops, on structural transformation. More recently, she is investigating the effects of climate change on labor and capital flows in developing countries. Her research has been funded by a Starting Grant from the European Research Council in 2017 and she is also co-team leader of the Trade and Spatial Frictions Theme in the Structural Transformation and Economic Growth (STEG) Research Consortium funded by the UK DFID in 2020.

**Mr. David Hémous**

Associate Professor, University of Zurich

Mr. David Hémous is an Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Zurich and an Affiliated Professor at the UBS Center. He holds a PhD degree from Harvard University and was previously an Assistant Professor at INSEAD. His research interests focus on Economic Growth, Innovation, International Trade and Environmental Economics. In particular, he has worked on the role of innovation for climate change policies, the impact of automation on income distribution and the link between innovation and top income inequality.



Mr. Antoine Dechezleprêtre

Senior Economist, OECD

Mr. Antoine Dechezleprêtre is a Senior Economist in the Productivity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Division, Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation (STI), OECD. His work deals principally with the role of innovation and technology diffusion for the green transition and the role that public policies play in encouraging the development and adoption of clean technologies. Before joining the OECD, Antoine was an associate professor at the Grantham Research Institute of Climate Change and the Environment, London School of Economics. He holds a PhD in economics from Ecole des Mines de Paris (France) and is the winner of the 2020 European Award for Researchers in Environmental Economics under the Age of Forty.

Session 2: Digital transformation and productivity



Ms. Debora Revoltella

Director, European Investment Bank (EIB)

Ms. Debora Revoltella is Director of the Economics Department of the European Investment Bank, serving as Chief Economist. Since her arrival in 2011, Debora has designed and led the work for flagship publications such as the EIB Investment Report. She launched the idea and led the process for the design and implementation of the EIB Investment Survey, a survey covering 12,500 European firms which has become a unique asset in understanding investment dynamics in Europe. Debora holds a degree in Economics, a Master in Economics from Bocconi University and a PhD in Economics from the University

of Ancona, Italy. She is member of the Steering Committees of the Vienna Initiative and the CompNet, an alternate member of the Board of the Joint Vienna Institute and a member of the Boards of the SUERF and the Euro 50 Group.



Mr. Frederic Warzynski

Professor, University of Aarhus

Mr. Frederic Warzynski is Professor in the Department of Economics and Business Economics at the Aarhus School of Business and Social Sciences (Aarhus BSS), University of Aarhus. He has a BA and an MA in Economics from Université Libre de Bruxelles, and a Ph.D. in Economics from KU Leuven. He was previously employed in post-doctoral positions at IDEI, Toulouse and the Aarhus School of Business, and as Assistant Professor at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid. His fields of interest are industrial organisation, productivity, organizational economics, labour economics and international trade, and he has been recently focusing on the implications of the diffusion of AI and robots in Denmark. His research has been published in several academic journals, including the American Economic Review, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Economic Policy, Journal of Economic Geography and Review of Economics and Statistics.



Mr. Mirko Draca

Professor, Warwick University

Mr. Mirko Draca is a Professor of Economics at Warwick University and Director of the CAGE research centre based there. His research has covered a wide range of topics in applied economics. Recent work related to innovation includes research on 'exploration and exploitation' patterns in the text of patents over

time and work on multiple waves of ICT diffusion in the UK. Mirko completed his Phd at University College London and did his undergraduate training in Australia.



Mr. Daniel Mawson

Senior Economist, UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)

Mr. Daniel Mawson is a senior economist in the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in the UK (BEIS). His team lead analysis of the UK and global economy, and factors shaping long run growth and productivity. Prior to that, he has worked in a variety of roles in BEIS' predecessor departments as well as the Ministry of Defence. These covered areas such as macroeconomics, country risk analysis, procurement, industrial policy and globalisation. In addition to representing the UK on the OECD Committee for Industry, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, as well as the OECD Global Forum on Productivity, he sits on the governing council for the UK Productivity Institute.

Dinner



Ms. Geraldine Mahieu

Acting Director, European Commission

Ms. Géraldine Mahieu is acting director in the Directorate B in charge of “Investment, growth and structural reforms” in DG ECFIN of the European Commission. She has been in charge of the design and negotiations of the Recovery and Resilience Facility, adopted in February 2021. Before that, she was head of unit in DG REFORM, in charge of providing technical support in the areas of labour market, health care, education and other social issues to EU Member States. Before joining DG REFORM, she was the European Commission's deputy mission chief on the Cypriot adjustment program. She also previously held the position of Senior Economist in the International Monetary Fund and holds a PhD in Economics from the Catholic University of Louvain.



Mr. Michael E. Mann

Professor, Penn State University

Dr. Mann is Distinguished Professor of Atmospheric Science at Penn State University. His research focuses on climate science and climate change. He was awarded the Hans Oeschger Medal of the European Geophysical Union in 2012. He made Bloomberg News' list of fifty most influential people in 2013. He has received the Friend of the Planet Award from the NCSE, the Award for Public Engagement with Science from the AAAS, and the Leo Szilard Award of the American Physical Society. He received the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement 2019 and was elected to the U.S. National Academy of Sciences in 2020. He is a Fellow of the AGU, AMS, GSA, AAAS, author of more than 200 publications, numerous op-eds and commentaries, and five books including *Dire Predictions*, *The Hockey Stick* and *the Climate Wars*, *The Madhouse Effect*, *The Tantrum that Saved the World*, and *The New Climate War*.

Day 2 | 8th July 2022

Keynote speech and conversation



Mr. Andrew Wyckoff

Director, OECD

Mr. Wyckoff is the Director of the OECD's Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) where he oversees OECD's work on innovation, business dynamics, science and technology, information and communication technology policy as well as the statistical work associated with each of these areas. His experience prior to the OECD includes being a program manager of the Information, Telecommunications and Commerce program of the US Congressional Office of Technology Assessment (OTA), an economist at the US National Science Foundation (NSF) and a programmer at The Brookings Institution. He has served as an expert on various advisory groups and panels which include joining the Global Board of Trustees of Digital Future Society (DFS), being a Commissioner on the Lancet/FT Governing Health Futures 2030 Commission, the International Advisory Board of the Research Council of Norway and Head of OECD's Delegation at the G20 and G7 meetings on ICT and Digital Economy. Mr. Wyckoff is a citizen of the United States, holds a BA in Economics from the University of Vermont, and a Master of Public Policy from the JFK School of Government, Harvard University.



Mr. John Van Reenen

Professor, MIT & LSE

Professor John Van Reenen is Ronald Coase School Professor at the London School of Economics and Digital Fellow, Initiative for the Digital Economy at the Massachusetts Institute for Technology (MIT). Until 2020 he was Gordon Billard Professor MIT Economics Department and Sloan Management School. He

has published over a hundred papers on many areas in economics with a particular focus on firm performance and the causes and consequences of innovation. He was the 2009 winner of the Yrjö Jahnsson Award (the European equivalent of the Clark Medal); the Arrow Prize (2011); the European Investment Bank Prize (2014), and the HBR-McKinsey Award (2018). He is a fellow of the British Academy, the Econometric Society, the NBER, CEPR and the Society of Labor Economists. In 2017, he was awarded an OBE for “services to public policy and economics” by the Queen.

Panel discussion: Reorganising production for the post-COVID-19 digital era



Mr. Dirk Pilat

Deputy Director, OECD

Mr. Dirk Pilat, a Dutch national, is Deputy Director of the OECD Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation. He helps oversee OECD’s work on science and technology, innovation, productivity and business dynamics, digital economy policy, consumer policy and industry policies.

Mr. Pilat 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 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 develop recommendations for pro-active policies that will help to drive greater growth and societal well-being.

Mr. Pilat 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 Ph.D. in Economics, working primarily on productivity and economic growth.

**Ms. Beata Javorcik**

Chief Economist, EBRD

Ms. Beata Javorcik is Chief Economist of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) in London. She is on leave from the University of Oxford, where she is the first woman to hold a Statutory Professorship in Economics. She is also a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford and the Director of the International Trade Programme at the Centre for Economic Policy Research in London. She is a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee at ifo Institute, University of Munich, as well as of the Executive and Supervisory Committee of CERGE-EI in Prague. Before taking up her position at Oxford, she worked at the World Bank in Washington DC, where she focused on research, lending operations and policy advice. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Yale and a B.A. in Economics (Summa cum Laude) from the University of Rochester.

**Mr. Michael Brennan**

Chair, Australian Productivity Commission

Mr. Michael Brennan is Chair of the Productivity Commission. Previously Michael was Deputy Secretary, Fiscal Group, in the Federal Treasury with responsibility for Budget Policy, Retirement Incomes, Commonwealth-State Relations, Social Policy and Infrastructure Financing. Before that, he was Deputy Secretary, Economic in the Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance. Michael has worked as an Associate Director in the economics and policy practice at PricewaterhouseCoopers, and as a senior adviser to Treasurers and Ministers for Finance at the State and Federal level. Michael holds a Bachelor of Economics (Hons) from the ANU. Michael is currently working on the Productivity Review inquiry, Closing the Gap Review and National School Reform Agreement studies.

**Ms. Swati Dhingra**

Professor, LSE

Ms. Swati Dhingra is Associate Professor in Economics at LSE, and an Associate of the Centre for Economic Performance. She was recently a member of the UK's Trade Modelling Review Expert Panel and the LSE's Economic Diplomacy Commission. She is Research Fellow at CEPR, and on the editorial boards of *Journal of International Economics* and *Review of Economic Studies*. Her research is in international economics and industrial policy. She has published in academic journals including *American Economic Review* and *Journal of Political Economy*. Her research has been funded by ESRC, ERC, IGC, UKRI and was awarded the ONS's Research Excellence People's Choice Award 2019.

**Ms. Elke Grooten**

Head, Novartis European Public Affairs

As Head EU Relations, **Ms. Grooten** leads the representation of Novartis group towards EU institutions and other stakeholders in Brussels. She heads the Brussels office. Most recently, Ms. Grooten was Senior Director Public Affairs Europe at Novartis Corporate Affairs in Basel, responsible for strategic political projects and capability building in Europe and providing PA expertise to country affiliates in Western Europe, Nordics and Central Eastern Europe. She joined Novartis in 2002 and held several leadership positions in Market Access, Pharmaceutical Affairs, Business Development and Public Affairs at Sandoz

Belgium and Europe. Ms. Grooten is an industrial pharmacist and worked before as a quality assessor at the Belgian medicines' agency and as director pharmaceutical policy at Medicines for Europe. She lives in Brussels with her husband and is passionate about music, culture and travelling. Her areas of expertise are pharmaceutical strategy, industrial policy, access to medicines.

Session 3: Reallocation post-COVID-19: how to mitigate the costs?



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Mr. Jose Maria Barrero

Assistant Professor, ITAM Mexico Business School

Mr. Jose Maria Barrero is an Assistant Professor of Finance at Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM). He is an applied economist interested in macroeconomics, finance, and labor economics, using empirical and quantitative methods. His research examines how businesses make forecasts and how the implications for resource reallocation and investment, as well as the large shift to working from home since 2020. Barrero's work has been published in the *Journal of Financial Economics*, *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, *Journal of Public Economics*, and *Journal of Econometrics*, as well as *Harvard Business Review* and the 2020 Jackson Hole Symposium. He has a BA in Economics and Mathematics from the University of Pennsylvania and an MA and PhD in Economics from Stanford University.



Ms. Abigail Adams-Prassl

Associate Professor, University of Oxford

Ms. Abigail Adams is an Associate Professor in Economics at the University of Oxford in association with New College and a Research Fellow at the Institute for Fiscal Studies, London. Professor Adams' research develops new ways of bringing economic models of decision-making to data in a flexible, yet theory-consistent, manner. Recent work includes articles in the *American Economic Review*, the *Economic*

Journal, and the Modern Law Review. Her applied research includes work on access to justice and the economic incentives to bring claims to Employment Tribunals, an investigation into the UK's "Cost of Living Crisis" and its implications for poverty measurement, and an on-going project on 'gig-economy' employment.



Ms. Rita Bessone Basto

Deputy Director, Portuguese Ministry of Economy and Maritime Affairs

Ms. Rita Bessone Basto is currently Deputy Director of the Office for Strategy and Studies of the Portuguese Ministry of Economy and Maritime Affairs. Her current position involves work on the analysis of productivity and its determinants, in the context of the national productivity board; on policy evaluation models; and assessment and policy advice on economic developments and policies. She has previous work experience in areas of financial stability and macroprudential policy, DSGE models with financial frictions, international relations, and monetary and financial issues. She holds a Ph.D. in economics, with a thesis on monetary unions and economic policy coordination.

Concluding remarks and the way forward



Mr. Paolo Gentiloni

Commissioner, European Commission

Mr. Paolo Gentiloni is the European Commissioner for Economy since December 2019. He served as Prime Minister of Italy (2016- 2018), Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (2014-2016), Member of the Italian Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs (2013-2014) and Minister of Communications (2006-2008). He was Spokesperson for the Margherita Party (2002-2007), Chairman of the Broadcasting Services Watchdog Committee (2005-2006), Spokesperson for the Mayor of Rome and

Commissioner in the City of Rome (1993-2000). Previously he worked as a professional journalist. Born in 1954, Gentiloni graduated in Political Sciences from La Sapienza, Rome. His last book is “La sfida impopolista” (the (Un)populist challenge).



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