FDI continues to rise in the first half of 2015
Global FDI flows picked up in the first half of 2015, increasing by 13% compared to the second half of 2014. If the drop in the first half of 2014 is excluded, global flows have been on a rising trend since the first half of 2013, according to the latest issue of *FDI in Figures*. Download the excel data used to prepare this report.

OECD review of pension systems in Mexico
Reforms in Mexico have significantly improved the financial sustainability of the country’s pension system. This *review* assesses the Mexican pension system on the basis of OECD best practices in pension design and presents various proposals to further improve the system and guarantee its sustainability in the long term.

Corruption and the smuggling of refugees
Corruption is one of the primary facilitators of refugee smuggling. In order to fight this crime, and help refugees safely realise their rights, the international community must understand the intricate connections between corruption and refugee smuggling. This *paper* takes a look at the issues.

The tax treatment of funded private pension plans
This *stocktaking report* analyses the tax treatment of funded private pensions across all OECD and EU countries. It contributes to a *long-term project* that is reviewing the cost effectiveness of tax and other financial incentives, as well as identifying more efficient ways of using public money to increase savings for retirement.

Implementation and enforcement of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention
The Working Group on Bribery, responsible for monitoring the implementation and enforcement of the *OECD Anti-Bribery Convention*, has issued reports on *Colombia* and *Latvia*, accompanied by recommendations encouraging these countries to intensify efforts to comply with the Convention.

Chinese guidelines for responsible mineral supply chains
China and the OECD are cooperating in the development of Chinese-owned industry guidelines for responsible mineral supply chains. A *public consultation* asking for comment on the draft text of the guidelines is now underway. The deadline for comment is 7 November.

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