



2021

Annual Conference of the Global Forum on Productivity co-organised by the Italian G20 Presidency

8-9 July 2021, Venice

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1, 2 and 5 July 2021, Webinar series

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Background and setup

Productivity gaps across firms are large and persistent in most countries and sectors. These gaps, however, present an important potential for lifting productivity if their underlying causes are addressed. To what extent the diffusion of advanced managerial practices and the overall improvement of workers and managers skills can help narrowing these gaps? How can public policies ensure that the digital transformation and the rise of intangible assets, which have been accelerated by the COVID-19 shock, do not exacerbate but rather reduce existing disparities in income and productivity? These questions become even more pressing as governments are in the process of shaping the path to the post-crisis economic recovery.

The conference is envisaged to be held back-to-back with the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting. The conference main events will be held on 8 and 9 July. The first day will focus on **skills and productivity**, while the second day's focus will be on **digitalisation and productivity**. There will be a high-level panel discussion of G20 Ministers and Governors on the second day.

The agenda is structured in modules to allow for the realisation of a **hybrid event** where the main events take place in **Venice on 8 and 9 July** with physical participation of speakers and attendees and the possibility to join online, and are preceded by a series of three **online webinars on 1,2 and 5 July**.

About the GFP

The **OECD Global Forum on Productivity (GFP)** aims to foster international co-operation between public bodies with responsibility for promoting productivity-enhancing policies. It was set up by interested OECD member states and other countries and provides a platform for participants to convene in order to exchange information and discuss best practices, as well as a framework in which to undertake productivity analysis that is complementary to the OECD's regular work programme. Higher productivity opens up opportunities for growth in times of demographic change, creates scope for the distribution of wealth, secures international competitiveness, enables the financing of a better quality of public services, and facilitates the provision of care for an increasing number of older people. By advising on productivity-enhancing policies, the GFP therefore contributes to meeting these broader objectives.

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Day 1- 8th July 2021

Master of Ceremony: Ottavio Ricchi (Italian Treasury)

11:15-11:20	Welcoming remarks Mathias Cormann (Secretary-General, OECD)
11:20-12:00	Welcome speeches Laurence Boone (Chief Economist, OECD) Riccardo Barbieri (Chief Economist, Italian Treasury) Luigi Federico Signorini (Senior Deputy Governor, Bank of Italy)
12:00-12:45	Keynote speech Chair : Alvaro Pereira (OECD) Oriana Bandiera (LSE) General discussion
12:45-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-14:45	Key Highlights of the Human Side of Productivity report of the GFP Chair: Stefan Profit (Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, Germany) The Human Side of Productivity: new cross-country evidence to uncover the role of skills and diversity for firm level productivity Peter Gal (OECD) Discussant Alexandra Roulet (INSEAD) General discussion
14:45-15:00	Coffee break
15:00-16:00	Panel discussion Organising work and industrial relations for productivity growth in the post-COVID world: the role of public policies Moderator: Stefano Scarpetta (OECD) Participants: Anna Valero (LSE) Andrea Brandolini (Bank of Italy) Pierre Habbard (TUAC) Francesca Mazzolari (Confindustria, Italy)
20:00-22:00	Dinner Speech outside the field of economics: Senseable Cities by Carlo Ratti (MIT Senseable Cities Lab)

Day 2- 9th July 2021

Master of Ceremony: Valeria Patella (Sapienza University)

11:30-12:00	Introductory remarks Daniele Franco (Minister of Economy and Finance, Italy) Mathias Cormann (Secretary-General, OECD) Ignazio Visco (Governor of the Bank of Italy)
12:00-12:45	High-level panel discussion among G20 policymakers Digitalisation, intangibles and potential growth in a post-COVID world Moderator: Martin Wolf (Financial Times) Participants: Christine Lagarde (President of ECB) Andrew Bailey (Governor, Bank of England) Arturo Herrera Gutiérrez (Minister of Finance, Mexico) Martin Guzman (Minister of Economy, Argentina)
12:45-15:00	Lunch break
15:00-15:30	Productivity gains from teleworking in the post COVID-19 era : How can public policies make it happen? Chair: Alexander Robson (Ambassador of Australia to the OECD) Results from the GFP survey on telework Timo Leidecker (OECD) and Francesco Losma (Bocconi University) General discussion
15:30-16:15	Keynote speech Chair: Chiara Criscuolo (OECD) Daron Acemoglu (MIT) General discussion
16:15-17:00	The OECD contribution to the Italian G20 Presidency Chair: Federico Giammusso (Italian Treasury) Highlights from the G20 Framework Working Group report Giuseppe Nicoletti (OECD), Cecilia Jona Lasinio (G20 Italian presidency) Discussant Marco Buti (European Commission) General discussion
17:00-17:30	Concluding remarks and next steps Alain de Serres (OECD) Erik Canton (European Commission) Ottavio Ricchi (Italian Treasury)

Webinar 1: Thursday 1st July 13:15-16:10

Webinar 1-Part A: Workforce composition and productivity

13:15-13:30 Introduction

Speaker: Riccardo Cristadoro (Bank of Italy, Italian Treasury)

13:30-14:35 Session 1: How workforce composition, managerial talent and firm organisation affect productivity

Chair: Luiz de Mello (OECD)

Speakers

Giorgio Barba Navaretti (Università degli Studi di Milano) | 20 mins

Sauro Mocetti (Bank of Italy) | 20 mins

Lead discussant

Erik Canton (European Commission) | 10 mins

General discussion | 10 mins

14:35-14:50 Coffee Break

Webinar 1 part B: Work practices and productivity post-Covid

14:50-16:10 Session 2: Upskilling, advanced work practices and productivity in a socially distant world: evidence from the private and public sectors

Chair: Andrew Wyckoff (OECD)

Speakers

Alessandra Fenizia (George Washington University) | 20 mins

Daniel Rock (University of Pennsylvania) | 20 mins

Tito Boeri (Bocconi University) | 20 mins

Lead discussant

Dan Mawson (Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, United Kingdom) | 10 mins

Webinar 2: Friday 2nd July 13:00-14:30

Webinar 2: The Human Side of Productivity –experiences from selected countries

Chair: Rita Bessone-Basto (Ministry of the Economy, Portugal)

13:00-14:30

Country-specific analyses

Italy

Francesco Nucci (Sapienza University, Italian Treasury) | 20 mins

France

Vincent Aussilloux, Dimitris Mavridis (France Stratégie) | 20 mins

Belgium

Gert Bijnens (National Bank of Belgium) | 20 mins

Lead discussant

Brindusa Anghel (Bank of Spain) | 10 mins

General discussion | 10 mins

Webinar 3 Monday 5th July 13:00-14:30

Webinar 3: Digitalisation, Intangibles and Productivity

Chair: Dirk Pilat (OECD)

13:00-14:30

Session 3: Digitalisation, intangibles and productivity

Speakers

Janice Eberly (Northwestern University) | 20 mins

Maarten de Ridder (LSE) | 20 mins

Eric Hazan (McKinsey) | 20 mins

Lead discussant

Reinhilde Veugelers (KU Leuven) | 10 mins

General discussion | 10 mins