

# Launch of OECD PISA report on 21<sup>st</sup>-century readers - Tuesday, 4 May, 9h30.

27/04/2021 - The OECD will launch a new PISA report on developing students' reading skills in a digital world on Tuesday, 4 May 2021 at 9:30 a.m. CEST.

The new report “**21<sup>st</sup>-century readers: Developing literacy skills in a digital world**”, published with support from the Vodafone Germany Foundation, explores how 15-year-old students across the world are developing reading skills to navigate the technology-rich 21st century, and sheds light on potential ways to strengthen students' capacity to navigate the new world of information. It highlights how countries need to redouble their efforts to combat emerging digital divides, and also explores what teachers can do to help students navigate ambiguity and manage complexity. The report highlights that students' access to digital technologies and training on how to use them vary greatly between countries and students' socio-economic profiles.

## Tuesday 4 May

- **The global launch will take place at 09:30 EST with Andreas Schleicher, OECD Director for Education and Skills, who will deliver a virtual presentation at an event hosted by the European Commission at 09:30 CEST, alongside Viviane Hoffmann, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General “Education, Youth, Sport and Culture”, European Commission; Joakim Reiter, Trustee of the Vodafone Foundation and External Affairs Director, Vodafone Group Plc; and Inger Paus, Chairwoman of the Management Board of the Vodafone Germany Foundation. There will also be a video statement from Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth. This event is open to media and will be broadcast live. Participants should register using [this link](#).**
- Berlin: A German-language launch will be held from 12:15 to 13:15 CEST with Andreas Schleicher, Anja Karliczik, Federal Minister for Education and Research, and Alexander Lorz, Minister for Education of the State of Hesse. This will be followed by a moderated Q&A. Please register with [this link](#). For more info contact [Sabine.VOLLMER@oecd.org](mailto:Sabine.VOLLMER@oecd.org).
- A global webinar will be held from 17:00 to 18:00 CEST with Andreas Schleicher, followed by a moderated Q&A. Please register with [this link](#).

To obtain an embargo copy of the report and country notes, journalists should contact [embargo@oecd.org](mailto:embargo@oecd.org). Embargoed copies of the reports, together with country notes, will be issued 24 hours before the launch, in the morning Paris-time of 3 May.

More information on PISA is available at [www.oecd.org/pisa](http://www.oecd.org/pisa).