Foreword

OECD Reviews of Digital Transformation: Going Digital in Colombia is part of a new series of OECD country reviews. The OECD Reviews of Digital Transformation analyse recent developments of the digital economy in countries, review policies related to digitalisation and make recommendations to increase policy coherence in this area.

Going Digital in Colombia examines recent developments in infrastructures for the digital economy, telecom markets, and related regulations and policies in Colombia. It reviews trends in the use of digital technologies by individuals, businesses and the government, and examines policies to foster diffusion. The Review also examines opportunities and challenges raised by digitalisation in key areas and analyses policy responses to these changes. The areas covered range from productivity and trade to innovation, the labour market and skills in the digital economy.

The Review reconsiders these policies in relation to their coherence among different domains and in order to foster synergies across government ministries, levels and institutions, based on the Integrated Policy Framework of the OECD-wide Going Digital: Making the Transformation Work for Growth and Well-being project.

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