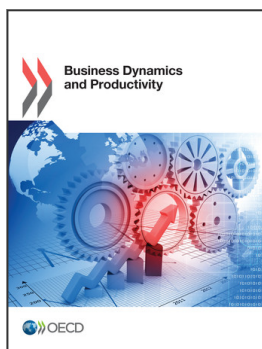


List of acronyms and abbreviations

ALU	Average labour unit
AUC	Area under the curve
BCCR	Central Bank of Costa Rica
BOS	Business Operations Survey
BSD	Business Structure Database
CES	Constant elasticity of substitution
COMEX	Ministry of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica
DBJ	Development Bank of Japan
EBIT	Earnings before interest and tax
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
ERA	Employment Relations Act
EU	European Union
FDI	Foreign direct investment
FTA	Free trade agreement
FTZ	Free trade zone
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDP	Gross domestic product
GFC	Global financial crisis
GST	Goods and services tax
HH	Herfindahl-Hirschman
HLFS	Household Labour Force Survey
IMAA	Institute for Mergers, Acquisitions and Alliances
ISIC	International System of Industrial Classification
IT	Information technology
ITA	Information Technology Agreement
JCR	Job creation rate
JDR	Job destruction rate
JIP	Japan Industrial Productivity
LBD	Longitudinal Business Database
LCI	Labour Cost Index
LEED	Linked employer-employee data
LR	Likelihood ratio
M&A	Merger and acquisition
MSME	Micro, small and medium-sized enterprise
NA	National Accounts
NACE	Nomenclature générale des activités économiques dans les communautés européennes

NEG	Net employment growth
OLS	Ordinary least squares
PAYE	Pay as you earn
QES	Quarterly Employment Survey
R&D	Research and development
ROC	Receiver operating characteristic
S&P	Standard and Poor
SME	Small and medium-sized enterprise
TFP	Total factor productivity
TiVA	Trade in Value-Added
UK	United Kingdom
US	United States
VAT	Value-added tax
VCE	Variance-covariance matrix of the estimator
WTO	World Trade Organization



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