

Foreword

Appropriate indicators that can measure the magnitude and intensity of the globalisation process are increasingly important to underpin evidence-based policy. This publication is the second edition of the OECD's Economic Globalisation Indicators, which responds to the demand of policy makers.

It includes a range of indicators that are largely based on the OECD Handbook on Economic Globalisation Indicators, which provides a conceptual and methodological framework for gathering quantitative information and constructing indicators. The Handbook also provides national data compilers with the methodological and statistical guidelines needed to construct the chosen indicators and make them compatible with international standards.

This second edition of OECD Economic Globalisation Indicators presents measures of globalisation related to capital movements and foreign direct investments, international trade, the economic activity of multinational firms and the internationalisation of technology. However, it goes beyond what is proposed in the Handbook as it also includes some indicators linked to the financial crisis, portfolio investments, environmental aspects and the emergence of global value chains.

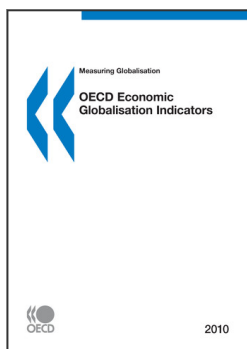
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