

## Foreword

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

*Going Digital in Latvia* explores recent developments in infrastructure for the digital economy, telecom markets, and related regulations and policies in Latvia. It reviews trends in the use of digital technologies by individuals, businesses and the government, and examines policies to foster diffusion. The Review also analyses opportunities and challenges raised by digitalisation in key areas and evaluates policy responses to these changes. The areas covered range from innovation and skills to digital security and data governance.

The Review considers these policies in relation to their coherence among different domains in order to foster synergies across government ministries and institutions, based on the OECD Going Digital Integrated Policy Framework.

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