 Foreword

The collection of entrepreneurship indicators presented in Entrepreneurship at a Glance is the result of the OECD-Eurostat Entrepreneurship Indicators Programme (EIP). The programme, started in 2006, was the first attempt to compile and publish international data on entrepreneurship from official government statistical sources. From the outset a key feature in the development of these indicators has been to minimise compilation costs for national statistical offices, which is why the programme focuses attention on exploiting existing sources of data.

Informing policy design through the development of policy-relevant indicators is at the core of the EIP programme, and much attention is paid to responding to information needs, including the need for timely information on the situation of small businesses. To that purpose, Entrepreneurship at a Glance features an opening chapter on recent trends in entrepreneurship, discussing the evolution of enterprise creations, bankruptcies and self-employment.

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