

# Foreword

The report *Policies for a Carbon-Neutral Industry in the Netherlands* evaluates the consistency and cost-effectiveness of the set of policy instruments in place in the Netherlands to reach its 2050 decarbonisation objectives in the manufacturing sector and offers recommendations on adjustments of existing policy instruments and further measures. The analysis of the Dutch climate policy package illustrates the strength of combining clear commitment to raising carbon prices with ambitious technology support, uncovers the pervasiveness of provisions aimed at supporting the competitiveness of the industry, and highlights the trade-off between short-term emission cuts and longer-term technology shifts. While the Netherlands does not start from a blank page and can leverage a long experience in carbon pricing and technology support, the challenge ahead is to retrofit this extensive policy package to effectively put industry on the path to carbon neutrality. Importantly, the report offers general lessons for the low-carbon transition beyond the Netherlands, in particular European countries, which feature the same characteristics as Dutch industry.

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