

## Workshop Agenda

### High-Growth Enterprises and the impact of COVID-19

Organized by the Joint Research Centre JRC.B7 and the European Investment Bank

Monday, 10 January 2022

The objective of the workshop is to present and discuss with colleagues working on high-growth enterprises and related topics in different Directorates General of the European Commission, the European Investment Bank and external organisations, preliminary results stemming from two research papers titled “**Investment expectations by vulnerable European firms in times of COVID: a difference-in-difference approach**” and “**Productivity and HGEs: resilience and potential recovery from COVID-19 pandemic**”. The first paper investigates how the COVID-19 shock has affected investment expectations and investment-related framework conditions of vulnerable firms. The second paper explores how the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is related to firms’ productivity levels, degree of digitalisation and their high-growth episodes before the crisis. Both papers use firm-level data from the European Investment Bank Investment Survey and are part of a research co-operation between the JRC and the EIB on high-growth enterprises.

*Moderator:* James Gavigan, JRC.B7

13:30 – 13:40 **Introduction**

Xabier Goenaga, Head of Unit, JRC.B7

Debora Revoltella, Chief Economist, EIB

13:40 – 14:20 “**Investment expectations by vulnerable European firms in times of COVID: a difference-in-difference approach**”

*Presenter:* Alex Coad, Waseda University, Japan

*Discussant:* Laurent Maurin, EIB

Open Q&A 10min

14:20 - 15:00 “**Productivity and HGEs: resilience and potential recovery from COVID-19 pandemic**”

*Presenter:* Mercedes Teruel, Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain

*Discussant:* Miguel Sanchez Martinez, JRC

Open Q&A 10min

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