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Preface

Economic security is key to the stability and prosperity of countries and societies. Throughout modern history, economies have sought to protect their critical supply chains and the basic needs of their populations from disruptions and external threats. Economic security continues to be a central objective in today's highly interconnected and complex global landscape.

As this report highlights, different aspects of economic security are closely intertwined, such as supply chain resilience, energy security and cybersecurity. For example, the security of supply chains, including for energy, is important for ensuring secure energy supply. Energy security in turn is key to cybersecurity, with blackouts being a threat to cybersecurity. Cybersecurity relies on the security of supply chains for specific critical inputs, such as advanced chips, and digital technologies.

This report is part of the OECD's New Approaches to Economic Challenges (NAEC) work programme. The NAEC initiative, established in 2012, follows an interdisciplinary approach to economic and policy analysis, drawing on new thinking from a range of disciplines and supporting the analytical work and policy advice that the OECD provides to its member and partner countries.

Insights in this report build on the expertise across the OECD Secretariat and the International Energy Agency. They highlight the importance of economic security in the context of high degrees of geopolitical uncertainty and global interconnectedness. The report contributes to facilitating informed policymaking and strategic responses to ensure economic stability and resilience in an ever-changing world.

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