



## Digital Finance and Sustainability

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Digitalization helps to transform economies through supporting inclusive growth and enhancing economy-wide productivity, with an important role for digital finance and trade. More recently, initiatives on sustainable digital finance and green fintech have been at the core of a new strand of research on the nexus between digital finance and environmental sustainability. In addition, the promotion of a sound and efficient digital payments system, both at national and cross-border levels, is an important mechanism for reducing inequality. Recognizing the faster pace of digital transformation and innovations in digital finance post-pandemic, striking the right balance between financial regulation and enabling financial innovation is key. Likewise, digitalization in trade finance helps to promote greater economic integration and competitiveness. The link between digital finance and sustainable economic and environmental outcomes is currently not very well understood, while many economies lie at different stages of financial development and digital finance adoption.





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