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The challenge of diversifying Russia's economic structure and reducing its reliance on natural resource sectors has loomed large on the policy agenda for well over a decade. Even during the boom years before 2008, there was widespread awareness that growth was being driven by transitory factors, and the global economic crisis has since exposed the vulnerability of this model. Russia needs to transition into self-sustaining, innovation-led growth. The government recognises this and has focused increasingly on modernisation and, in particular, on innovation, as the key to Russia's successful development over the longer term.

This review takes Russia's modernisation agenda as its starting point. It examines Russia's innovation performance and its determinants, including available resources (particularly finance and human capital), the innovation capabilities of firms, and the institutions and incentives that shape and support innovation activities. In doing so, it identifies the strengths and weaknesses of Russia's innovation system. It pays particular attention to government initiatives

to build on these strengths and to offset and overcome the weaknesses.

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