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OECD countries have to improve labour market performance to increase living standards. This has become more urgent as population ageing may put considerable downward pressure on economic growth in the coming decades. What is needed is a comprehensive reform strategy to raise employment and help workers earn higher incomes. This requires action on many fronts including taxation, employment regulations, welfare benefits, wages, product-market competition and macroeconomic policy. Which reforms have been successful? Do they necessarily imply lower social protection or more insecurity?

This book provides answers to these essential questions, based on a major analysis covering 30 countries, and presents a reassessment of the OECD Jobs Strategy which will be discussed at the

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