

## Non R&D-based public support for business innovation (Business Innovation Policies: Selected Country Comparisons)

This chapter reviews other forms of government support for business innovation. Non R&D-based innovation support is of growing importance. In recent years, government support has shifted towards measures to ease the creation and development of early ventures through seed investment, venture capital and commercialisation programmes. Non R&D-based support for innovation has also sought to facilitate the creation and diffusion of knowledge to firms through initiatives to promote networks of different sorts, including regional innovation hubs (centres of excellences) and a range of programmes aimed at assisting firms' access to information and expertise.

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