Chapter 3:
A corporate sector buffeted by shocks

The COVID-19 crisis showed that the right policies can transform challenging environments into opportunities for change.

As access to finance constrains firm development and growth, policies that provide targeted financial support to firms are effective, especially given the nature of the European financial system.

Faster and more wide-ranging European financial integration is necessary to deliver the huge investment needed for the green and digital transition.

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