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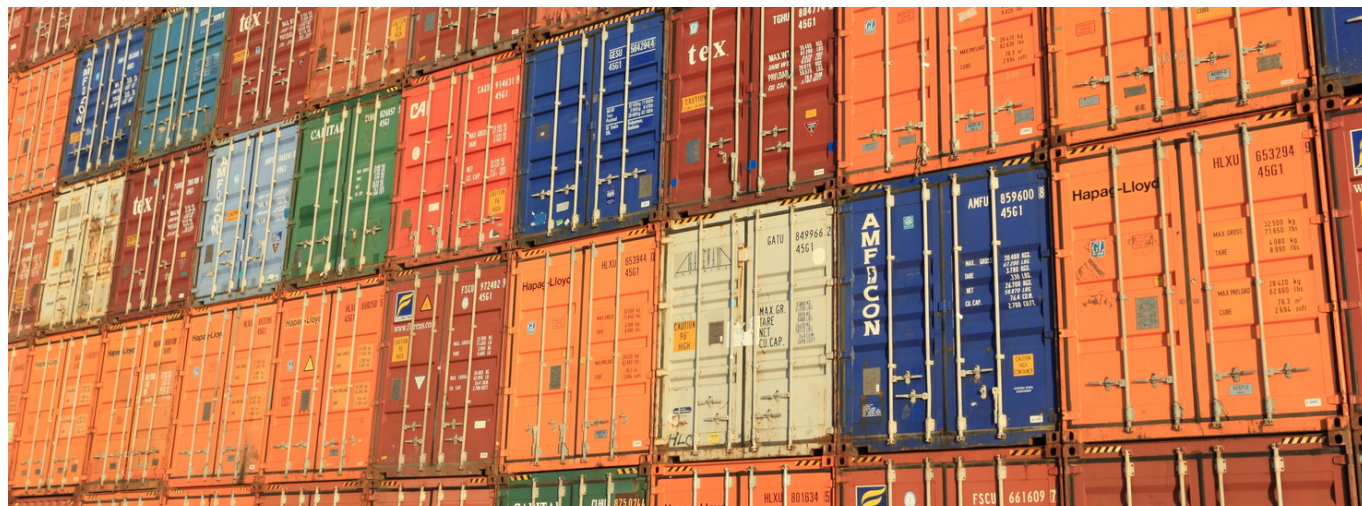
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"PEACE AND  
DIVERSITY DEPEND  
ON EVERYONE"

# BARRIERS TO TRADE: AS PROTECTIONISM RISES, EU CONTINUES OPENING UP EXPORT MARKETS FOR EUROPEAN FIRMS



The European Commission's report released confirms the continuous rise in barriers encountered by European companies in foreign markets. Thanks to the EU's firm response, 123 such barriers have been eliminated since the beginning of the current Commission mandate, allowing for more than €6 billion extra exports in 2018.

The latest edition of the Trade and Investment Barriers Report (TIBR) identifies 45 new trade barriers put in place in countries outside the EU in 2018, bringing the total number to a record high of 425 measures in 59 different countries, costing EU businesses billions of euros every year.

China and Russia top the overall list, maintaining respectively 37 and 34 problematic trade measures. Most impact for EU exports arises from measures introduced by China, U.S., India and Algeria. They concern 80% of all EU exports affected by new measures and focus predominantly on steel, aluminium and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sectors.

The EU's efforts to enforce the existing international trade rules are providing clear results. Intervening in close collaboration with EU Member States and businesses under the EU's enhanced Market Access Strategy, the Commission has eliminated last year as much as 35 trade barriers, among others in China, Japan, India and Russia. These measures spanned across eight key EU export and investment sectors including agriculture and fisheries, cars, textiles and leather, wines and spirits, cosmetics, mineral products, aircraft parts and ICT equipment. Some of them also affected various sectors in a horizontal way.

Trade and investment barriers eliminated in 2018 included among others:

- Chinese restrictions on imports of bovine and ovine products
- Russian unlawful anti-dumping measures on light commercial vehicles
- Duties on electronic goods and mandatory veterinary certificates restricting exports of leather goods in India
- Restrictions on use of authorized additives in wine and spirits in Japan
- Mandatory labelling of textiles in Egypt

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## EUROBAROMETER 479 IN ALL THE EU MEMBER STATES THAT HAVE YET TO ADOPT THE EURO



A majority of respondents in all the EU Member States that have yet to adopt the euro thinks that the common currency has had a positive impact on those countries that already use it, the latest Flash Eurobarometer shows. In total, 56% of respondents across the seven Member States (Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Sweden) share this view, up one percentage point over the last year and up a total of four percentage points since 2016.

This view is strongest in Hungary (70%), Romania (62%), Poland (54%) and Bulgaria (53%), and with lower majorities in Sweden (44%), Czechia (49%) and Croatia (48%).

There is, however, an almost even split on whether respondents are personally in favour of introducing the euro in their own country. Public support for introducing the euro now stands at 49%, two percentage points lower than in 2018.

A majority of respondents in Hungary (66%), Romania (61%) and Croatia (49%) is in favour of introducing the euro, while a majority of 60% is against in Czechia and Sweden, 51% in Poland, and 48% in Bulgaria. Support has risen most over the last year in Hungary (+7 percentage points) and decreased the most in Romania (- 8 percentage points).

Analysis of the data shows that respondents who feel informed about the euro are more likely to support its introduction (57% compared with 43% of those who do not feel informed).

The feeling of not being ready, however, is strong in all seven countries, but has decreased considerably in Hungary (65%) and Romania (56%), by respectively 8 and 13 percentage points over the last year. Now, 72% across all seven Member States do not think their country is ready for introducing the euro, while 23% think they are.

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## CROATIA DECLARES ITS INTENTION TO JOIN THE EURO AREA



In the margins of the Eurogroup meeting, representatives of the eurozone member states, the European Central Bank (ECB) and Denmark met in the presence of the European Commission and Croatia to discuss prospects of Croatia's participation in the ERM II.

Croatia's intention to join ERM II shows that the eurozone is a solid anchor of stability and growth in Europe that continues to attract new members.

The ECB and the Commission will monitor the effective implementation of these commitments acting within their respective areas of competence as provided for by the Treaties and secondary legislation. Once they have provided a positive assessment, a decision will be taken by the ERM II parties on the formal application of the Croatian authorities for ERM II participation. The decision will be linked to the ECB decision on close cooperation, in full respect of the conditions specified in the legal framework. This would imply that Croatia simultaneously joins ERM II and the Banking Union.

In line with the relevant secondary legislation, Croatia will also participate in the Single Resolution Mechanism (including the Single Resolution Fund) from the date of entry into force of the ECB decision on close cooperation. Therefore, as from that date Croatia should be subject to the obligations stemming from the Intergovernmental Agreement on the transfer and mutualisation of contributions to the Single Resolution Fund, notably the obligation to transfer those contributions to the Single Resolution Fund in accordance with the relevant provisions thereof. To these effects, Croatia is expected to take all the necessary steps in order to ratify and deposit its instrument of ratification in due course before the decision on close cooperation enters into force.

In line with past practice, Croatia is also expected to take further commitments at the moment of joining ERM II with the aim of achieving a high degree of sustainable economic convergence by the time the euro will be introduced.

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## EU SET TO SIGN TRADE AND INVESTMENT AGREEMENTS WITH VIETNAM ON SUNDAY



The Council of Ministers today approved the EU-Vietnam trade and investment agreements, paving the way for their signature and conclusion. EU Commissioner for Trade Cecilia Malmström and Romanian Minister for Business, Trade and Entrepreneurship Ștefan-Radu Oprea will sign the agreement on the EU's behalf in Hanoi on Sunday 30 June.

The agreements are set to bring unprecedented benefits for European and Vietnamese companies, consumers and workers, while promoting respect for labour rights, environmental protection and the fight against climate change under the Paris Agreement.

The trade agreement will eliminate nearly all customs duties on goods traded between the two sides in a progressive way that fully respects Vietnam's development needs. The agreement also contains specific provisions to remove technical obstacles, such as those in the car sector, and will ensure that 169 traditional European food and drink products recognised as Geographical Indications are protected in Vietnam. Thanks to the agreement, EU companies will also be able to participate in bids for procurement tenders in Vietnam on an equal footing with domestic companies.

Besides offering significant economic opportunities, the EU and Vietnam have agreed strong sustainable development measures. This includes a commitment to implement the Paris climate agreement effectively. The agreement also commits both sides to respect and effectively implement the principles of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) concerning fundamental workers' rights. To this end, Vietnam has recently ratified the ILO Convention on collective bargaining and has notified the EU of its intention to ratify the two outstanding fundamental ILO conventions by 2023 at the latest. It is also in the process of reinforcing its labour legislation. The agreement also establishes dedicated platforms for the EU and Vietnam to involve civil society in the implementation of these commitments.

In addition, the trade agreement includes an institutional and legal link to the EU-Vietnam Partnership and Cooperation Agreement, allowing appropriate action in the case of human rights' breaches.

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# SUSTAINABLE FINANCE: COMMISSION PUBLISHES GUIDELINES TO IMPROVE HOW FIRMS REPORT CLIMATE-RELATED INFORMATION



The European Commission has today published new guidelines on corporate climate-related information reporting, as part of its Sustainable Finance Action Plan. These guidelines will provide companies with practical recommendations on how to better report the impact that their activities are having on the climate as well as the impact of climate change on their business.

The Commission has also today welcomed the publication of three new important reports by the Technical Expert Group on sustainable finance, including key recommendations on the types of economic activities that can make a real contribution to climate change mitigation or adaptation (taxonomy).

These guidelines are part of the Commission's ongoing efforts to ensure that the financial sector – private capital – can play a critical role in transitioning to a climate-neutral economy and in funding investments at the scale required. They will provide guidance to around 6,000 EU-listed companies, banks and insurance companies that have to disclose non-financial information under the Non-Financial Reporting Directive. They are inspired by recent proposals by the Technical Expert Group on sustainable finance (TEG), and integrate the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) established by the G20's Financial Stability Board.

## Background

The TEG commenced its work in July 2018 and was composed of 35 members from civil society, academia, business and the finance sector. These reports are the outcomes of one year of extensive work on key aspects of the Commission's Action Plan. These reports therefore supplement the legislative proposals on taxonomy and benchmarks presented by the Commission in May 2018. They aim to further incentivise and channel private sector investment into sustainable development, by making investors more aware of what they invest in and by giving investors important tools to invest sustainably.

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## DIGITAL SINGLE MARKET: TARGETED INVESTMENT AND STRONG DIGITAL POLICIES BOOST MEMBER STATES' PERFORMANCE



The European Commission has released the results of the 2019 Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI), which monitors Europe's overall digital performance and tracks the progress of EU countries with respect to their digital competitiveness.

Countries that have set up ambitious targets in line with the EU Digital Single Market Strategy and combined them with adapted investment achieved a better performance in a relatively short period of time. This is one of the main conclusions of this year's Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI). However, the fact that the largest EU economies are not digital frontrunners indicates that the speed of digital transformation must accelerate, in order for the EU to stay competitive at world level.

DESI figures over the last 5 years show that targeted investment and robust digital policies can have a significant impact on the performance of individual countries. For example, this is the case for Spain, in the deployment of ultrafast broadband, Cyprus in broadband connectivity, Ireland for digitizing businesses and Latvia and Lithuania in digital public services.

More than one third of Europeans in the active labour force do not have basic digital skills, even though most jobs require at least basic digital skills, and only 31% possess advanced internet user skills. At the same time, there is an increased demand for advanced digital skills across the economy, with employment of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) specialists growing by 2 million over the last 5 years in the EU.

Also recently released, the Women in Digital Scoreboard, shows that EU countries who are digitally competitive are also leaders in female participation in the Digital Economy. The gender gap, however, persists at EU level in the areas of internet use, digital skills, and ICT specialist skills and employment with the largest inequalities in the latter: only 17% of ICT specialists are women, and they still earn 19% less than what men earn.

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# EU AND MERCOSUR REACH AGREEMENT ON TRADE



The European Union and Mercosur reached a political agreement for an ambitious, balanced and comprehensive trade agreement. The new trade framework – part of a wider Association Agreement between the two regions – will consolidate a strategic political and economic partnership and create significant opportunities for sustainable growth on both sides, while respecting the environment and preserving interests of EU consumers and sensitive economic sectors.

The EU is the first major partner to strike a trade pact with Mercosur, a bloc comprising Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay. The agreement will cover a population of 780 million and cement the close political and economic relations between the EU and Mercosur countries. It represents a clear commitment from both regions to rules based international trade and will give European companies an important head start into a market with an enormous economic potential. It will anchor important economic reforms and modernisation undergoing in Mercosur countries. The agreement upholds the highest standards of food safety and consumer protection, as well as the precautionary principle for food safety and environmental rules and contains specific commitments on labour rights and environmental protection, including the implementation of the Paris climate agreement and related enforcement rules.

The agreement will open up new business opportunities in Mercosur for EU companies selling under government contracts, and to service suppliers in the information technology, telecommunications and transport sectors, among others. It will simplify border checks, cut red tape and limit the use of export taxes by Mercosur countries. Smaller companies on both sides will also benefit thanks to a new online platform providing easy access to all relevant information. While delivering significant economic benefits, the agreement also promotes high standards. The EU and Mercosur commit to effectively implement the Paris Climate Agreement.

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# JUNCKER PLAN: €800 MILLION FOR INNOVATIVE SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED BUSINESSES IN ELEVEN COUNTRIES



The European Investment Bank (EIB) and ProCredit Group are providing €800 million to innovative small and medium-sized companies (SMEs), under the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI), the core element of the Investment Plan for Europe, or “Juncker Plan”, and the InnovFin SME Guarantee Facility.

The EIF-backed financing is now available through ProCredit banks in South Eastern and Eastern Europe and targets companies using new technologies and producing new products in one of the eleven countries where the facility is available (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Moldova, the Republic of North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine). To date, agreements with ProCredit have already supported around 2,000 innovative SMEs, predominantly in the sectors Manufacturing and Wholesale and Retail Trade, and many more will be financed in the coming years.

These agreements were signed under the European Commission’s InnovFin initiative, backed by the EU’s research and innovation programme Horizon 2020. The InnovFin initiative enables participating banks to provide loans to innovative companies with the support of a guarantee provided by the EIF. The agreements signed in EU Member State countries were made possible by the support of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI). The EFSI is the central pillar of the European Commission’s Investment Plan for Europe, also known as the “Juncker Plan”

## EUROPEAN INVESTMENT FUND (EIF)

The European Investment Fund (EIF) is part of the European Investment Bank Group. Its central mission is to support Europe’s micro, small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) by helping them access finance. EIF designs and develops venture and growth capital, guarantees and microfinance instruments which specifically target this market segment. In this role, EIF fosters EU objectives in support of innovation, research and development, entrepreneurship, growth, and employment.

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### ESMA TRAINEESHIPS

Headquartered in Paris, France, the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) is an independent EU authority that helps safeguard the stability of the European Union's financial system by enhancing investor protection and promoting stable and orderly financial markets.

It offers 6 to 12 months of paid internships to European students and graduates in different departments, such as: Corporate Affairs Department (Risk and Control Team, Communications Team) or Senior Management Team (Accounting Team), Resources Department (teams: Human Resources, Finance and Procurement, Facilities Management, ICT and Planning and Reporting).

The work may include research, contributing to reports, compiling statistical data, carrying out operational tasks and participating in ad hoc studies and projects.

Deadline: 31 December 2019.



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### ERASMUS FOR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs is a cross-border exchange programme which gives new or aspiring entrepreneurs the chance to learn from experienced entrepreneurs running small businesses in other participating countries.

It supports new entrepreneurs with the skills necessary to start and/or successfully run a small business in Europe. New entrepreneurs gather and exchange knowledge and business ideas with an experienced entrepreneur, with whom they stay and collaborate for a period of 1 to 6 months.

#### Requirements

- be firmly planning to start a business, based on a viable business plan OR have less than 3 years of total entrepreneurial experience; have a concrete project or business idea, reflected in a business plan.
- be over 18 years old;
- be a permanent resident in one of the Participating Countries: European Member States, Albania, Armenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro, Moldova, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine and Kosovo;



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## **H2020: SME INSTRUMENT**



The SME Instrument (EIC-SMEInst-2018-2020), which aims to provide support for business innovation to small and medium-sized enterprises through coaching and a grant, is part of the European Innovation Council (EIC) Accelerator Pilot of the Horizon 2020 Programme.

The EIC Accelerator (SME Facility) pilot project supports high-risk and high-potential small and medium-sized enterprises to develop and market new products, services and business models that can drive economic growth. The EIC Accelerator pilot (SME Facility) targets innovators with concepts that could shape new markets or disrupt existing markets in Europe and worldwide.

Selected companies receive business coaching to further develop their idea of innovation, and can also receive mentoring. They are assisted in networking with other pilot clients of the EIC Accelerator (SME Facility), with other companies of all sizes, and with potential co-investors and follow-on investors across Europe. As a client of SME Instrument, you will gain visibility and increase your chances of success in the European and international markets.

Europe needs more radical and market-creating innovations to improve productivity and international competitiveness and generate new jobs and a higher standard of living. These innovations must meet the needs of users and customers and address social, technological and business challenges in a sustainable manner.

The pilot of the EIC Accelerator (SME Facility) provides support for business innovation throughout the cycle. In phase 2, support is provided in the form of a grant only or, after the deadline of 5 June 2019, mixed funding (combining grant and equity). The pilot of the EIC Accelerator (SME Facility) also includes training and mentoring.

Deadline: 09 October 2019

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# STATISTICS

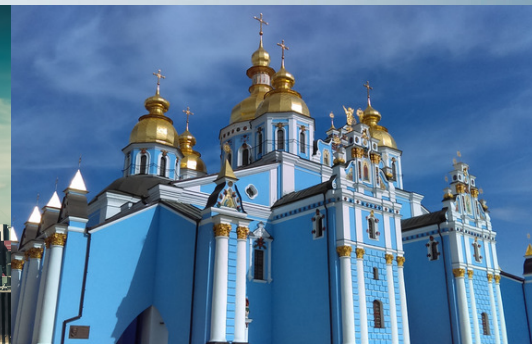
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## TOURISM IN THE EU 2017, BY COUNTRY

Have you ever wondered who visits your country or where your fellow citizens prefer to go on holiday? You can find the answers in this interactive statistic.

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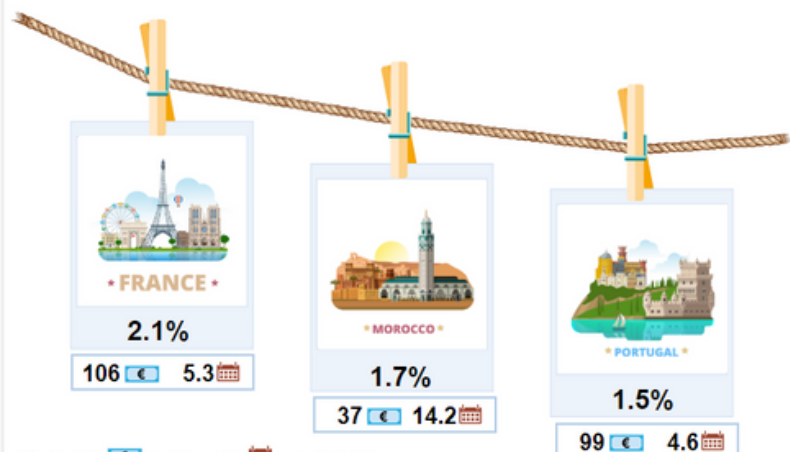


49 € 3.7 nights

82.2%  
nights in Spain



### Top destinations



NIA: not available. € expenditure per night. Average stay in nights. Shares by country based on total nights spent

# INFOGRAPHICS

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## HOUSEHOLD SPENDING BY CATEGORY

Households have different consumption patterns, depending largely on income levels, cultural habits or geographic location.



## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 2014-2019

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the euro area was 7.6% in April 2019. This is the lowest rate recorded in the euro area since August 2008.



## FROM IDEA TO INVESTMENT: AN INNOVATOR'S GUIDE TO THE EIC



## THE ECONOMY OF WELLBEING: GOING BEYOND GDP

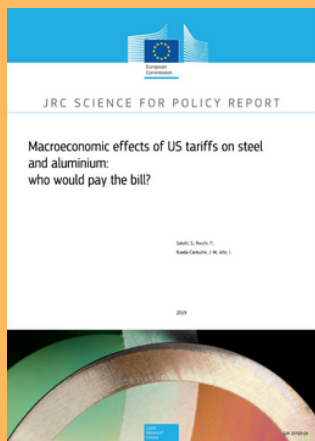
This infographic reflects how people's well-being and economic growth are interdependent and mutually reinforcing.

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## EUROPE IN GLOBAL TRADE RELATIONS



### MACROECONOMIC EFFECTS OF US TARIFFS ON STEEL AND ALUMINIUM: WHO WOULD PAY THE BILL? - STUDY

**Summary:** In March 2018, US President Donald Trump announced the imposition of a tariff on US imports of steel and aluminium products. This Science for Policy report sheds light on the possible macroeconomic impacts of this policy, focusing in particular on exports, value added (VA), production and employment. The modelling analysis considers two possible scenarios to be compared to a baseline on which the US government does not impose tariffs.

**Publication date:** 11-06-2019

**Author:** Joint Research Centre (European Commission)

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Key words:** value added, aluminium, customs duties, economic consequences, import policy, macroeconomics, report, steel, trade policy, United States

**ISBN/ISSN:** 978-92-76-08299-6/1831-9424



### EU-US NEGOTIATIONS ON TTIP: A SURVEY OF CURRENT ISSUES: IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS - STUDY

**Summary:** Negotiations on a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) between the EU and the US aim at achieving a comprehensive trade agreement with renewed efforts to liberalise trade, services and investment, while aiming at regulatory cooperation and rules-based trade.

**Publication date:** 14-06-2019

**Author:** Directorate-General for Parliamentary Research Services (European Parliament)

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Key words:** energy policy, European Union, extra-EU trade, international trade, trade liberalisation, market access, public procurement, services industry, trade agreement (EU), USA

**ISBN/ISSN :**978-92-823-9561-5



### EU TRADE POLICY AT WORK: CREATING OPPORTUNITIES, STANDING UP FOR EUROPE'S VALUES AND INTEREST

**Summary:** In the last five years, this European Commission has negotiated and concluded more trade agreements than in any other comparable period. In particular, the EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement entered into force, our largest agreement ever. The EU now has 41 trade agreements with 72 countries, the largest trade network in the world, offering European companies opportunities and a fair and predictable working environment on all continents.

**Publication date:**28-05-2019

**Author:** Directorate-General for Trade (European Commission)

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Key words:** Administrative transparency, extra-EU trade, fair trade, illicit trade, international trade, trade agreement (EU), trade policy, trade rules, trade relations, World Trade Organisation

**ISBN/ISSN:** 978-92-76-02615-0

## EUROPE IN GLOBAL TRADE RELATIONS

### SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (SIA) IN SUPPORT OF AN INVESTMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: FINAL REPORT



**Summary:** The objective of this Sustainability Impact Assessment (SIA) in support of an Investment Agreement between the European Union (EU) and the People's Republic of China is to assess how investment provisions in negotiations could affect economic, social, human rights and environmental issues in the EU and China. Both quantitative and qualitative analyses have been incorporated into the report.

**Publication date:** 08-05-2019

**Author:** Directorate-General for Trade (European Commission)

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Key words:** bilateral agreement, trade agreement, China, economic consequence, human rights, sustainable development, environmental impact, social impact, report, foreign investment, international investment, international negotiation

**ISBN/ISSN:** 978-92-79-76472-1

### EU-MERCOSUR ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT: BUILDING BRIDGES FOR TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



**Summary:** Information sheet on the main points of the political agreement between the European Union and the MERCOSUR countries (Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay and Brazil) preceding the signing of the trade agreement between the two parties.

**Publication date:** 28-06-2019

**Author:** European Commission

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Key word:** Information sheet, trade agreement, international cooperation, European Union, MERCOSUR, tariffs, tariff advantages

### TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO SOUTH-EAST ASIA



**Summary:** Many European companies traditionally came to Southeast Asia to take advantage of low-cost manufacturing for export, but more recently have come to enter local markets, establish R&D, participate in cooperative development, have a skilled workforce, establish suppliers, and develop long-term partnerships in key markets throughout the region.

**Publication date:** 28-05-2019

**Author:** Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (European Commission)

**Link:**

**Key words:** [click here](#), administrative formality, trademark, patent, small and medium-sized enterprise, industrial property, intellectual property, Southeast Asia, technology transfer

**ISBN/ISSN:** 978-92-9202-509-0



## BUSINESS INNOVATION

## 2018 EUROPEAN SKILLS INDEX



**Summary:** This publication reflects the results of intensive work and pilot projects carried out over the last five years. In its audit, the Joint Research Centre confirmed that Cedefop's 2018 European Competence Index framework is well constructed, suggesting that one of the greatest strengths is the amount of original research on the multiple facets of competence systems in the Member States. Cedefop's European Skills Index (ESI) is a composite indicator that measures the performance of a country's skills system.

**Publication date:** 20-06-2019

**Author:** Cedefop

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Key words:** adaptation to climate change, job description, workforce, new technologies, new type of employment, vocational skills, report, updating of skills, retraining

**ISBN/ISSN:** 978-92-896-2718-4/2363-216X

### EUROPEAN INNOVATION COUNCIL: EMPOWERING EUROPEAN INNOVATORS: BUSINESS ACCELERATION SERVICES: CORPORATE DAYS 2017-18



**Summary:** El programa piloto del Consejo Europeo de Innovación (EIC Pilot) apoya a innovadores, empresarios, pequeñas empresas y científicos de alto nivel con ideas brillantes y la ambición de ampliar su alcance a escala internacional. El proyecto piloto EIC reúne las partes de Horizonte 2020 que proporcionan financiación, asesoramiento y oportunidades de creación de redes para quienes se encuentran a la vanguardia de la innovación.

**Publication date:** 04-06-2019

**Author:** Dirección General de Investigación e Innovación (Comisión Europea); Agencia Ejecutiva de la Pequeña y Mediana Empresa (Comisión Europea)

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Key words:** enterprise policy, entrepreneurship, information network, innovation, small and medium-sized enterprises, start-up

**ISBN/ISSN:** 978-92-9202-438-3

### EUROPEAN INNOVATION SCOREBOARD 2019



**Summary:** The European Innovation Scoreboard (EIS) provides a comparative assessment of the research and innovation performance of EU Member States and selected third countries, as well as the relative strengths and weaknesses of their research and innovation systems. It helps countries assess the areas where they need to concentrate their efforts to improve their innovation performance. This year's report reveals that the EU's innovation performance continues to grow at a steady pace. Further improvements are expected in the near future, but progress remains uneven across the EU.

**Publication date:** 21-06-2018

**Author:** Directorate-General for the Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Key words:** comparative analysis, economic indicator, economic sector, industrial policy, innovation, report, research and development

**ISBN/ISSN:** 978-92-79-77622-9

## INDUSTRY 4.0.

## HOW TO TACKLE CHALLENGES IN A FUTURE-ORIENTED EU INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY?: VOLUME 2 – STUDY

**Summary:** This study provides a critical assessment of the EU's industrial strategy for 2017 and the policy measures it includes. Although the EU Industrial Strategy remains a "meta-policy", it successfully promotes a more integrated and innovative approach. However, it should more clearly identify mission-oriented strategic objectives and mobilise the effort and means to achieve them.

**Publication date:** 16-07-2019

**Author:** Directorate-General for Internal Policies of the Union (European Parliament)

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Key words:** advanced technology industry, Apulia, case study, EU industrial policy, Finland, France, Île-de-France, industrial development, industrial policy, innovation, Ireland, Italy, Poland, regional economy, regional policy, research and development, technology park, Vojvodina, Western Finland

**ISBN/ISSN:** 978-92-846-4977-8



## HIGH-TECH SKILLS INDUSTRY: INCREASING EU'S TALENT POOL AND PROMOTING THE HIGHEST QUALITY STANDARDS IN SUPPORT OF DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

**Summary:** Skills are at the heart of industrial policy. The 2019 EU Industry Days demonstrated that skills are one of the main concerns of business leaders and social partners. Finding enough people with the right skills and access to talent is key to the future of European industry.

**Publication date:** 17-06-2019

**Author:** Capgemini Invent; Empirica; Small and Medium Enterprises Executive Agency (European Commission); IDC

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Key words:** advanced materials, digital technology, EU industrial policy, information technology, professional qualifications, quality standards, SMEs

**ISBN/ISSN:** 978-92-9202-535-9



## SUMMARY REPORT ON LESSONS LEARNT FROM FOSTERING MODERN CLUSTER POLICY IN REGIONS IN INDUSTRIAL TRANSITION

**Summary:** The aim of the work that the European Observatory on Clusters and Industrial Change is carrying out in the 10 regions in industrial transition is to define a set of actions in the form of a global strategy to foster regional economic transformation, identify opportunities for collaboration and funding and connect with other regions in regional and cluster associations.

**Publication date:** 07-06-2019

**Author:** Small and Medium Enterprises Executive Agency (European Commission)

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Key words:** aid to enterprises, business clusters, innovation, international cooperation, investment, modernisation of industry, regional cooperation, regional policy, small and medium-sized enterprises, transfer of technology

**ISBN/ISSN:** 978-92-9202-533-5



# INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

## 2019 STATUS REPORT ON IPR INFRINGEMENT: WHY IP RIGHTS ARE IMPORTANT, IPR INFRINGEMENT AND THE FIGHT AGAINST COUNTERFEITING AND PIRACY



**Summary:** This report presents the results of research carried out in recent years by the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), through the European Observatory on Intellectual Property Rights (Observatory), on the scope and economic consequences of intellectual property rights (IPR) infringement in the EU.

**Publication date:** 18-06-2019

**Author:** Intellectual Property Office of the European Union

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Key words:** computer piracy, counterfeiting, economic consequences, industrial counterfeiting, intellectual property, small and medium-sized enterprises

**ISBN/ISSN:** 978-92-9156-264-0

## IPR PROTECTION FOR THE COSMETICS INDUSTRY IN CHINA



**Summary:** Infographics with data on the protection of intellectual property rights for the cosmetics industry in China.

**Publication date:** 03-04-2019

**Author:** Small and Medium Enterprises Executive Agency (European Commission)

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Key words:** Patents, intellectual property, pharmaceutical and cosmetics industry, copyright, cosmetics industry, EU trademark, patent, small and medium-sized enterprises, intellectual property, China.

**ISBN/ISSN:** 978-92-9202-449-9

## IPR FOR THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY: QUICK FACTS FOR SMES



**Summary:** Infographics on intellectual property in the pharmaceutical industry for small and medium enterprises.

**Publication date:** 23-01-2019

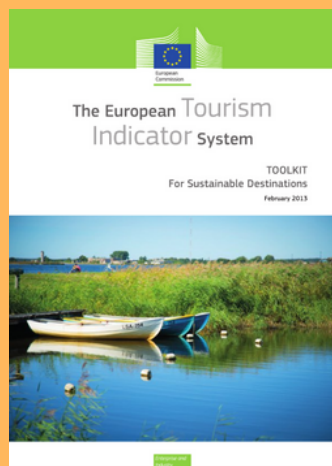
**Author:** Small and Medium Enterprises Executive Agency (European Commission)

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Key words:** China, e-commerce, innovation, patents, patent law, pharmaceutical industry, pharmaceutical products, small and medium enterprises, trademark law

**ISBN/ISSN :** 978-92-9202-415-4

## TOURISM SECTOR IN EUROPE



### THE EUROPEAN TOURISM INDICATOR SYSTEM TOOLKIT FOR SUSTAINABLE DESTINATIONS

**Summary:** The European System of Tourism Indicators is specially designed for tourist destinations. It is designed as a process directed and controlled by the local population to monitor, manage and improve the sustainability of tourist destinations..

**Publication date:** 01-04-2014

**Autor:** Directorate-General for Enterprise and Industry (European Commission)

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**Key words:** sustainable development, tourism infrastructure, tourism policy, data collection, tourism region, information system, tourism, foreign tourism

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### THE EUROPEAN TOURISM INDICATOR SYSTEM: ETIS TOOLKIT FOR SUSTAINABLE DESTINATION MANAGEMENT

**Summary:** The ETIS is a management, information and monitoring tool specifically intended for tourism destinations. It is designed as a locally owned and led process for collecting and analysing data with the overall objective to assess the impact of tourism on a destination. The specific objective of the ETIS is to contribute to improving the sustainable management of destinations.

**Publication date:** 23-03-2017

**Author:** Directorate-General for the Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (European Commission)

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**Key words:** data collection, economic indicator, foreign tourism, information system, sustainable development, tourism, tourism policy, tourism infrastructure, region

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### RESEARCH FOR TRAN COMMITTEE OVERTOURISM: IMPACT AND POSSIBLE POLICY RESPONSES - STUDY

**Summary:** This study addresses the complex phenomenon of mass tourism in the EU. Focusing on a set of case studies, the study reports on indicators of excessive tourism, analyses management approaches implemented in different destinations and assesses policy responses. It concludes that a common set of indicators cannot be defined due to the complex causes and effects of mass tourism.

**Publication date:** 05-02-2019

**Author:** Directorate-General for Internal Policies of the Union (European Parliament)

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**Key words:** tourism, passenger transport, cooperation policy, decision-making, economic indicator, environmental indicator, human development, mass tourism, sustainable mobility, tourism

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# 5G: THE DIGITAL REVOLUTION

## EUROPEAN LEADERSHIP IN 5G



**Summary:** The in-depth analysis European Leadership in 5G examines the concept of 5G, how it might fit into the future of the telecommunications landscape, the current state of R&D in the EU and globally, possible business models and the role of standards and spectrum policy.

**Publication date:** 24-03-2017

**Author:** Directorate-General for Internal Policies of the Union (European Parliament)

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Key words:** computer network, digital technology, information network, information technology, mobile phone, telecommunications regulation, research and development, telecommunications equipment, telecommunications industry, transmission network

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## 5G DEPLOYMENT. STATE OF PLAY IN EUROPE, USA AND ASIA



**Summary:** This analysis compares the deployment of 5G in the EU with other leading economies: the United States, China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Singapore and Taiwan. On a number of indicators, the EU has performed well. However, this is not a short-term race. 5G is more complex than previous wireless technologies and should be seen as a long-term project to solve technical challenges and develop a clear business case.

**Publication date:** 11-04-2019

**Author:** Directorate-General for Internal Policies of the Union (European Parliament)

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Key words:** Asia, goods and services, United States, Europe, single market, data transmission network, computer network, telecommunications regulation, digital technology, telecommunication, telephone, mobile phone

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## IDENTIFICATION AND QUANTIFICATION OF KEY SOCIO-ECONOMIC DATA TO SUPPORT STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF 5G IN EUROPE.



**Summary:** This study provides a forecast of the qualitative and quantitative socio-economic benefits of 5G. The study focused on four verticals (automotive, health, transport and public services) in line with the work done by DG CNECT on the relationship between 5G and vertical markets.

**Publication date:** 06-02-2017

**Author:** Directorate-General for Communication Networks, Content and Technologies (European Commission)

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**Key words:** social impact, telecommunications industry, report, telecommunications material, consumer policy, information network, data transmission network, computer network, information technology, digital technology, mobile phone

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## SKILLS: COMPETITIVENESS IN THE LABOUR MARKET



### SKILLS FORECAST: TRENDS AND CHALLENGES TO 2030

**Summary:** The European labour market is facing changes in the demographic composition of the labour force and increasing complexities and work processes. Skills forecasting contributes usefully to the decisions of policy-makers, experts and individuals. In this publication, Cedefop presents the latest results of skills supply and demand forecasts.

**Publication date:** 27-02-2019

**Author:** Cedefop

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**Key words:** data collection, economic forecasting, industrial infrastructure, labour market, multi-skilled workers, skilled workers, supply and demand, updating skills, work

**ISBN/ISSN:** 978-92-896-2712-2/2363-216X



### USING LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION. GUIDE TO ANTICIPATING AND MATCHING SKILLS AND JOBS. VOLUME I

**Summary:** This guide is part of the ETF, ILO and Cedefop series of guides on anticipation and skill mix. All guides follow a common structure, although they vary in level of detail, technical content and case studies. The ETF, Cedefop and ILO often work closely together to develop the guides, usually with an agency/organisation at the head and they provide inputs, case studies, comments and reviews.

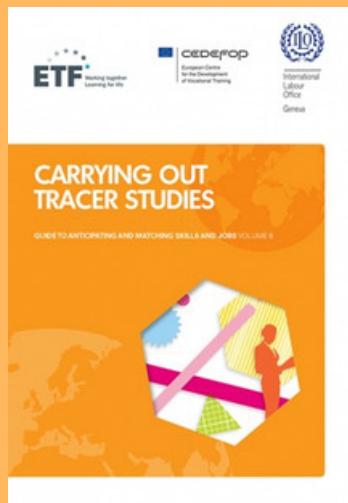
**Publication date:** 30-11-2016

**Author:** Cedefop

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**Key words:** vocational apprenticeship, vocational qualification, vocational training, continuing vocational training, social integration, labour market, social mobility, EU employment policy, provision of services

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### CARRYING OUT TRACER STUDIES. GUIDE TO ANTICIPATING AND MATCHING SKILLS AND JOBS: VOLUME VI

**Summary:** This guide is part of the ETF, ILO and Cedefop series of guides on anticipation and skill mix. All guides follow a common structure, although they vary in level of detail, technical content and case studies.

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**Author:** Cedefop

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** vocational qualification, vocational training, continuing vocational training, guide, labour market, EU employment policy, education policy

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# SKILLS: COMPETITIVENESS IN THE LABOUR MARKET



## SKILLS FOR GREEN JOBS 2018 UPDATE: EUROPEAN SYNTHESIS REPORT

**Summary:** The European labour market is challenged by changes in the demographic composition of the labour force and by increasing labour complexities and processes. In this publication, Cedefop presents the latest results of skills supply and demand forecasts. Preparing for sustainable growth in the context of a circular economy is a globally accepted policy objective.

**Publication date:** 06-05-2019

**Author:** Cedefop

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Key words:** vocational training, adaptation to climate change, vocational qualification, job description, report, workforce, new form of employment, new technology, retraining, retraining  
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## PREVENTING LOW SKILLS THROUGH LIFELONG LEARNING

**Summary:** Cedefop supports European policies with its resources. In 2020, a new online reference source on VET policies, practices and tools to support social inclusion and integration into the labour market will be published. It will support cross-country policy implementation and learning by addressing European policy priorities, from the recovery of early school leavers to the improvement of adult skills.

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## ESCO, CONNECTING EDUCATION AND TRAINING WITH THE LABOUR MARKET

**Summary:** ESCO is the multilingual classification of European skills, competences, qualifications and occupations. It identifies and classifies skills, competences, qualifications and occupations relevant to the EU labour market and education and training, in 26 European languages.

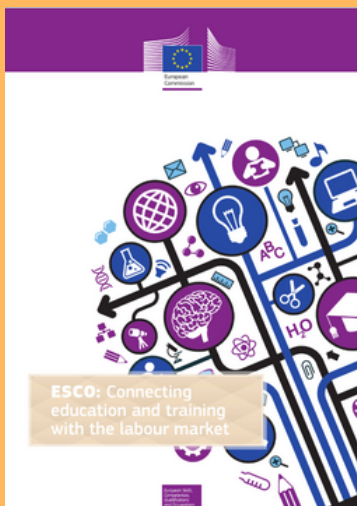
**Publication date:** 24-06-2019

**Author:** Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (European Commission)

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Key words:** employment policy, information analysis, database, classification, professional qualification, computerisation, labour market, new technology, principle of mutual recognition, recognition of studies, recognition of professional qualifications, information network, data processing

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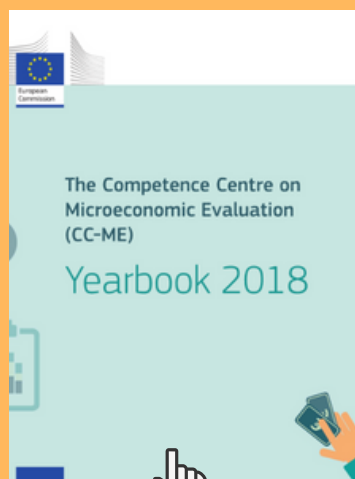
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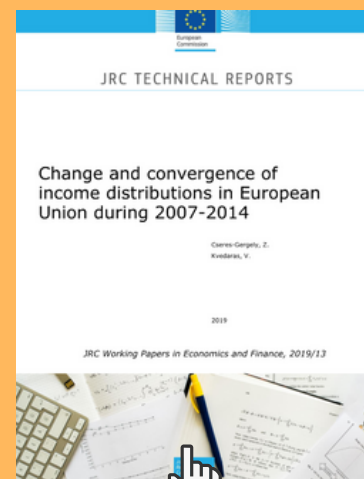
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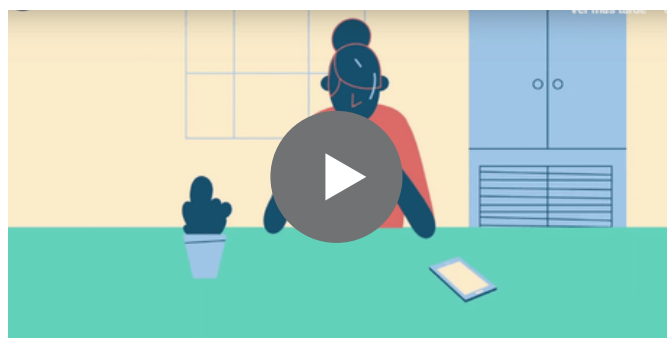
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The EU is an advocate of free and fair trade. That is why it takes the lead in reforming the World Trade Organisation.



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