

Total foreign direct investment

Dimension - Economics

Associated Key Factor:

Industrial and business structures and patterns

Data Source:

Eurostat New Chronos

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<http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public/datashop/print-catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&theme=2-Economy%20and%20Finance>
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General Availability:

Reporting unit: million EURO

Reporting level: national and at sector level

Reporting period: annually

Data available from 1980 to 2001

Availability by country:

1980 - 2000: EU-15

1980 - 2000: Member States (EU-15)

1995 - 2000: Accession Countries

The indicator:

Defines the level of Foreign Direct Investment in a country. FDI statistics give information on the main aspects of globalisation and openness to globalisation of a country.

How is it measured?

FDI activity can be measured in two different ways: financial investment flows and stocks, and "real" activity of foreign affiliates in host countries. Financial FDI data are compiled according to the concepts used for balance of payments (flows) and international investment position (stocks) statistics (OECD, 2001a). Information on the activity of foreign affiliates is collected through national surveys concerning several aspects of business activity, and is compiled by the OECD (OECD, 2001b).

What are the advantages of the indicator?

Foreign direct investment is considered to be an important driver of economic growth in countries.

What are the disadvantages of the Indicator?

The indicator should differentiate between sectors, and should especially focus on the transport sector.

What is the policy relevance of the indicator?

The indicator has policy relevance to trade and investment policies. In consequence, there is a wide consensus that policy should aim at reducing or eliminating hindrances to foreign direct investment (FDI) as long as this does not conflict with other legitimate policy objectives.

The Indicator is relevant for the following pathways of the FORESIGHT FOR TRANSPORT exercise:

	Transport Impact	External Determining Variable	Intermediate Variable	Contextual Information
Increase of trade and infrastructure needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Growth of transport demand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>