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Fact Sheet: European Union

Foreign direct investment (FDI) overview, selected years

(Millions of dollars and per cent)

FDI flows	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024-2025 Growth rate %	As a percentage of gross capital formation 2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
European Union											
Inward	**291 511**	**- 17 952**	**- 7 077**	**230 955**	**164 254**	**-28.9**	**8.0**	**-0.5**	**-0.2**	**5.8**	**3.5**
Outward	**713 620**	**269 009**	**23 299**	**457 674**	**495 904**	**8.4**	**19.6**	**7.1**	**0.6**	**11.5**	**10.6**
Memorandum											
East Asia											
Inward	333 923	316 531	296 042	269 733	238 200	-11.7	4.2	4.2	3.9	3.5	3.0
Outward	289 966	285 931	299 263	317 394	316 336	-0.3	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.0
ASEAN 10											
Inward	206 863	219 786	200 566	222 269	243 912	9.7	23.4	23.9	20.4	21.9	22.3
Outward	89 413	84 451	91 561	82 969	117 816	42.0	10.4	9.5	9.6	8.4	11.1
North America											
Inward	447 458	362 652	311 547	350 844	344 275	-1.9	8.1	6.0	4.8	5.2	4.9
Outward	289 723	309 316	261 128	345 548	317 256	-8.2	5.2	5.1	4.0	5.1	4.5
Europe											
Inward	332 169	-1 242	57 314	204 338	284 928	39.4	6.6	-	1.0	3.6	4.3
Outward	802 839	319 834	216 209	448 226	638 497	42.4	16.1	6.1	3.8	8.0	9.6
Developed economies											
Inward	886 589	517 962	463 026	649 117	723 464	11.5	6.8	3.8	3.2	4.4	4.5
Outward	1 381 379	991 168	724 747	1 070 077	1 190 768	11.3	10.6	7.3	5.0	7.3	7.4
World*											
Inward	1 777 123	1 437 432	1 320 858	1 531 691	1 624 259	6.0	6.7	5.2	4.6	5.3	2.8
Outward	1 884 784	1 535 101	1 227 404	1 651 395	1 863 570	12.8	7.5	5.9	4.5	6.0	3.3

FDI Stock	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024-2025 Growth rate %	As a percentage of gross domestic product 2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
European Union											
Inward	**11 783 337**	**11 313 384**	**11 644 104**	**11 299 613**	**13 016 640**	**15.2**	**67.3**	**66.5**	**62.6**	**58.2**	**65.1**
Outward	**13 859 599**	**13 235 902**	**13 617 406**	**13 718 141**	**15 630 594**	**13.9**	**79.2**	**77.8**	**73.2**	**70.7**	**78.2**
Memorandum											
East Asia											
Inward	5 788 024	5 705 307	5 875 469	6 234 432	6 595 265	5.8	29.9	29.3	30.2	31.2	32.1
Outward	5 249 118	5 195 512	5 508 114	5 920 884	6 645 720	12.2	27.1	26.7	28.3	29.6	32.4
ASEAN 10											
Inward	2 953 303	3 135 799	3 405 345	3 580 716	4 690 796	31.0	87.0	85.2	89.7	90.6	113.8
Outward	1 449 788	1 581 481	1 672 890	1 710 458	2 658 244	55.4	43.6	43.9	45.0	44.2	65.8
North America											
Inward	14 707 257	12 065 833	14 643 711	17 486 060	20 292 416	16.0	57.2	42.8	49.0	55.6	62.0
Outward	7 399 693	6 201 997	7 375 588	7 946 163	9 890 630	24.5	28.8	22.0	24.7	25.3	30.2
Europe											
Inward	16 448 059	15 654 886	16 089 407	15 505 867	17 472 301	12.7	67.8	64.5	62.2	57.1	62.7
Outward	18 252 615	17 347 304	18 006 594	17 928 195	20 155 333	12.4	75.3	71.5	69.6	66.1	72.3
Developed economies											
Inward	32 763 658	29 328 104	32 406 208	34 622 451	39 570 590	14.3	55.2	48.1	50.4	51.6	57.2
Outward	28 939 894	26 984 021	29 002 248	29 628 880	34 130 403	15.2	48.8	44.2	45.1	44.2	49.3
World*											
Inward	46 552 115	43 703 488	47 715 403	50 525 882	57 834 319	14.5	47.6	43.0	45.0	45.9	51.2
Outward	37 556 504	35 775 838	38 253 953	39 493 293	46 022 250	16.5	38.7	35.4	36.2	36.0	40.9

Cross-border merger and acquisition (M&A) overview, 2022–2025

(Millions of dollars)

Region/economy	Sales (net)					Purchases (net)				
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024-2025 Growth rate %	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024-2025 Growth rate %
European Union	**142 727**	**81 324**	**113 709**	**109 755**	**-3.5**	**100 848**	**65 760**	**75 676**	**104 406**	**38.0**
Memorandum										
East Asia	31 682	23 354	15 814	2 849	-82.0	- 11 022	31 225	17 916	10 511	-41.3
ASEAN 10	12 251	29 863	12 485	13 304	6.6	37 742	20 624	19 491	6 249	-67.9
North America	151 438	121 007	197 979	180 604	-8.8	345 844	154 913	165 169	190 946	15.6
Europe	368 024	158 569	171 735	167 733	-2.3	148 634	99 844	171 755	78 009	-54.6
Developed economies	609 783	324 256	425 346	403 879	-5.0	650 264	311 947	388 561	345 394	-11.1
World*	723 477	402 394	453 805	420 547	-7.3	723 477	402 394	453 805	420 547	-7.3

Announced greenfield investment project overview, 2022–2025

(Millions of dollars)

Region/economy	As destination					As source				
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024-2025 Growth rate %	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024-2025 Growth rate %
European Union	**275 299**	**249 834**	**219 423**	**284 991**	**29.9**	**400 694**	**383 795**	**356 282**	**299 472**	**-15.9**
Memorandum										
East Asia	29 090	51 614	51 233	31 393	-38.7	128 162	245 553	160 770	262 962	63.6
ASEAN 10	116 434	177 630	117 442	105 631	-10.1	38 115	47 670	60 898	47 357	-22.2
North America	219 493	181 259	288 091	362 897	26.0	260 356	258 761	302 338	300 549	-0.6
Europe	388 874	345 489	327 097	372 561	13.9	518 734	560 763	516 300	440 414	-14.7
Developed economies	708 118	626 823	713 500	846 570	18.7	972 545	953 600	997 156	886 812	-11.1
World*	1 330 871	1 422 369	1 378 521	1 393 023	1.1	1 330 871	1 422 369	1 378 521	1 393 023	1.1

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*Excluding Caribbean offshore financial centres and special-purpose entities in reporting countries.

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