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Foreign direct investment (FDI) overview, selected years

(Millions of dollars and percentages)

FDI flows	1990-2000	2002	2003	2004	2005	as a percentage of gross fixed capital formation			
	(Annual average)					1990-2000	2003	2004	2005
						(Annual average)			
Ireland									
Inward	6 127	29 324	22 781	11 159	- 22 773	32.8	63.4	24.6	- 42.3
Outward	1 790	11 025	5 549	15 804	12 938	9.8	15.5	34.9	24.1
<i>Memorandum</i>									
Portugal									
Inward	2 266	1 799	8 593	2 367	3 113	9.1	24.3	5.8	7.6
Outward	1 873	- 149	8 028	7 958	1 146	6.5	22.7	19.6	2.8
United Kingdom									
Inward	40 321	24 029	16 778	56 214	164 530	18.1	5.8	16.2	45.0
Outward	73 378	50 300	62 187	94 862	101 099	32.5	21.7	27.3	27.7
European Union									
Inward	207 213	307 081	253 728	213 726	421 899	12.0	11.8	8.6	16.1
Outward	276 335	265 815	286 106	334 915	554 802	15.9	13.3	13.4	21.1
Europe									
Inward	215 963	314 168	274 095	217 696	433 628	11.8	12.2	8.3	15.7
Outward	296 851	281 692	316 956	367 989	618 810	16.3	14.1	14.0	22.4
Developed economies									
Inward	355 153	441 238	358 539	396 145	542 312	7.3	6.4	6.3	8.0
Outward	434 586	485 111	514 806	686 262	646 206	9.0	9.2	10.9	9.5
World									
Inward	495 391	617 732	557 869	710 755	916 277	7.6	7.3	7.7	9.4
Outward	492 566	539 540	561 104	813 068	778 725	7.7	7.4	9.3	8.3
FDI stocks	1980	1990	2000	2004	2005	as a percentage of gross domestic product			
						1990	2000	2004	2005
Ireland									
Inward	53 967	56 512	127 089	233 963	211 190	119.5	133.8	128.8	105.7
Outward	..	17 204	27 925	104 970	117 909	36.4	29.4	57.8	59.0
<i>Memorandum</i>									
Portugal									
Inward	3 665	10 571	32 044	70 567	64 517	14.8	30.1	42.1	35.2
Outward	512	900	19 552	48 336	44 457	1.3	18.4	28.8	24.2
United Kingdom									
Inward	63 014	203 905	438 631	707 924	816 716	20.6	30.5	33.3	37.1
Outward	80 434	229 307	897 845	1 268 532	1 237 997	23.2	62.4	59.7	56.2
European Union									
Inward	238 395	768 160	2 179 706	4 429 908	4 499 128	10.9	26.3	34.7	33.5
Outward	212 570	810 277	3 050 067	5 305 463	5 475 025	11.5	36.8	41.6	40.7
Europe									
Inward	253 487	815 205	2 297 802	4 680 062	4 731 293	11.0	26.4	34.9	33.5
Outward	234 623	887 324	3 643 046	6 056 571	6 244 371	12.0	41.8	45.2	44.2
Developed economies									
Inward	424 257	1 418 867	3 976 233	6 973 053	7 117 110	8.2	16.2	22.1	21.4
Outward	498 921	1 642 187	5 578 341	9 093 607	9 271 932	9.6	22.8	28.8	27.9
World									
Inward	561 403	1 789 303	5 802 933	9 544 887	10 129 739	8.5	18.3	23.3	22.7
Outward	571 228	1 791 092	6 471 435	10 325 240	10 671 889	8.6	20.5	25.2	23.9

Source: UNCTAD, *World Investment Report 2006*; www.unctad.org/wir or www.unctad.org/fdistatistics

For details, see "definitions and sources" in annex B and annex tables B. 1-3 in WIR06.

Cross-border merger and acquisition overview, 1990-2005

(Millions of dollars)

	Sales				Purchases			
	1990-2000 <small>(Annual average)</small>	2003	2004	2005	1990-2000 <small>(Annual average)</small>	2003	2004	2005
Ireland	540	185	2 878	2 420	758	1 702	3 554	3 510
<i>Memorandum</i>								
Portugal	273	1 732	1 233	1 856	198	107	3 105	647
United Kingdom	17 980	31 397	58 107	171 689	20 447	56 953	47 307	90 535
European Union	53 668	126 018	178 772	429 146	59 437	121 208	164 677	386 757
Europe	56 362	142 152	185 809	445 126	66 085	129 371	176 095	413 405
Developed economies	104 719	244 426	315 851	598 350	108 569	256 935	339 799	626 339
World	117 889	296 988	380 598	716 302	117 889	296 988	380 598	716 302

Source: UNCTAD, *World Investment Report 2006*; www.unctad.org/wir or www.unctad.org/fdistatistics

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Inward FDI Performance and Potential Index rankings, 1990-2005^a

Economy	Inward FDI Performance Index				Inward FDI Potential Index				
	1990	2000	2004	2005	1990	2000	2003	2004	
El Salvador	92	57	84	85	Singapore	15	2	5	5
Venezuela	34	59	90	86	Norway	5	4	4	6
Russian Federation	..	104	87	87	Sweden	6	6	7	7
Finland	68	24	69	88	Germany	4	7	9	8
Ireland	49	4	5	89	Ireland	27	16	8	9
Gambia	10	15	48	90	Qatar	19	19	10	10
Oman	42	125	99	91	Netherlands	8	8	11	11
Slovenia	107	114	57	92	Iceland	14	15	13	12
Sierra Leone	39	93	110	93	Finland	9	9	12	13
Ghana	90	87	93	94	Belgium	14

Source: UNCTAD, *World Investment Report 2006*; www.unctad.org/wir or www.unctad.org/fdistatistics

Note: Covering 141 economies. The performance index is based on the country's share in global FDI inflows and GDP. The potential index is based on 12 economic and policy variables. Country order is based on the ranking of 2005, for Inward FDI Performance Index, and 2004, for Inward FDI Potential Index.

^a Three-year moving averages, using data for the three previous years, including the year in question

For details, see annex table A.I.9. in *WIR06*.

Outward FDI Performance Index ranking, 1990-2005

Economy	1990	2000	2004	2005
Singapore	16	5	6	7
Panama	1	8	8	8
United Kingdom	5	7	9	9
Sweden	7	9	10	10
Ireland	2	14	11	11
Denmark	31	11	13	12
Finland	23	13	12	13
France	21	15	14	14
Iceland	49	43	24	15
Canada	14	12	15	16

Source: UNCTAD, *World Investment Report 2006*; www.unctad.org/wir or www.unctad.org/fdistatistics

Note: Covering 141 economies. The performance index is based on the country's share in global FDI outward stocks and GDP. Country order is based on the ranking of 2005.

^a Three-year moving averages, using data for the three previous years, including the year in question

Presence in the world's top 100 non-financial TNCs, ranked by foreign assets, 2004 ^a

(Millions of dollars and number of employees)

Corporation	Ranking by:				Foreign			
	Foreign assets	TNI ^b	II ^c	Industry	Assets	Sales	Employment	No. of affiliates
CRH Plc	88	2	16	Lumber and other	15 192	14 920	57 882	484

Source: UNCTAD/Erasmus University database.

For details, see annex table A.I.11. in WIR06.

^a All data are based on the companies' annual reports unless otherwise stated. Data on affiliates is based on the Dun and Bradstreets 'Who owns Whom' database.

^b TNI, the Transnationality Index, is calculated as the average of the following three ratios: foreign assets to total assets, foreign sales to total sales and foreign employment to total employment.

^c II, the "Internationalization Index", is calculated as the number of foreign affiliates divided the number of all affiliates (Note: Affiliates counted in this table refer to only majority-owned affiliates).

Note: The list covers non-financial TNCs only. In some companies, foreign investors may hold a minority share of more than 10 per cent.

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