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	Foreign Direct Investment		GDP			
	Foreign direct investment, net inflows (BoP, current US\$) ▼ (Although Data from Foreign Direct Investment related with the years 1991 to 2009 is not visible, it is considered in the Sum's of this analysis)[1]					
	1990	2010	In 20 years (Sum 1990 → 2010) in US\$ ▼	% of the Foreign Direct Investment, by country	% of the GDP, by country	Sum of the 2010 GDP in Euros ▼
			1,891,280,218,455.34			4,468,848.20
Finland	812,172,838.22	4,396,511,400.28	79,270,226,444.50	4.19%	4.00%	179,721.00
Germany	3,003,918,963.21	46,127,366,746.55	708,612,701,363.53	37.47%	55.00%	2,476,800.00
Netherlands	10,675,649,732.62	-17,687,341,200.87	525,691,404,609.82	27.80%	13.00%	588,414.00
Portugal	2,609,986,420.64	1,476,273,563.41	68,677,997,972.87	3.63%	4.00%	172,571.20
Spain	13,983,611,812.03	24,658,393,715.58	509,027,888,064.64	26.91%	24.00%	1,051,342.00

GDP and the ability to attract Foreign Investment. Are the Volume/amounts somehow related?

The answer is: In some countries, the ability to attract foreign direct investment in the past 20 years appears to be linked with the countries ability to generate wealth (please look @ the GDP evolution data, next page) in percentage of GDP (Finland, Portugal and Spain)

In other countries however, this linkage is broken, mainly because of other factors, as explained: ■ Germany is a net exporter of capital and goods, making it less dependent of Foreign Investment, when compared with the others in % of the GDP. ■ Netherlands have been investment friendly over the years, with a lighter fiscal policy and less bureaucracy. They also have good and mainly tax free ports, well organized with good networks of communication (transports) to Central, Eastern and Northern Europe. The services available in those ports and in their surroundings, supporting the exports/imports operations are among the best in the world.

GDP evolution 1995 →2010 and Data concerning country weight analysis, is available in the NEXT PAGE ► (% of GDP, 1995 to 2010) @ the above page label

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% of the Gross domestic product, within the 5 country analysis, at market prices, In Euros,

	1995 Total 1995		2000 Total 2000		2005 Total 2005		2010 Total 2010	
	€	%	€	%	€	%	€	%
Germany	€ 1,848,500.00	66.38%	€ 2,047,500.00	61.03%	€ 2,224,400.00	56.19%	€ 2,476,800.00	55.42%
Spain	€ 447,205.00	16.06%	€ 629,907.00	18.78%	€ 909,298.00	22.97%	€ 1,051,342.00	23.53%
Netherlands	€ 305,261.00	10.96%	€ 417,960.00	12.46%	€ 513,407.00	12.97%	€ 588,414.00	13.17%
Portugal	€ 87,840.90	3.15%	€ 127,316.90	3.79%	€ 154,268.70	3.90%	€ 172,571.20	3.86%
Finland	€ 96,064.00	3.45%	€ 132,195.00	3.94%	€ 157,429.00	3.98%	€ 179,721.00	4.02%

Note: Besides Spain and Germany, the weight of each country in the GDP Sum haven't changed significantly over the years. Another trend is visible in this set of Data: Germany's GDP lost weight in percentage of total GDP amount, when compared with other countries in this analysis (1995 → 2010). All the others (Spain, Netherlands, Portugal and Finland) gained GDP "influence".

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1. Foreign direct investment are the net inflows of investment to acquire a lasting management interest (10 percent or more of voting stock) in an enterprise operating in an economy other than that of the investor. It is the sum of equity capital, reinvestment of earnings, other long-term capital, and short-term capital as shown in the balance of payments. This series shows net inflows (new investment inflows less disinvestment) in the reporting economy from foreign investors. Data are in current U.S. dollars. --luisbeldroega Fri Mar 02 2012 21:23:56 GMT+0000 (Hora padrão de GMT)