

Market Reach

Germany's central location in the middle of Europe brings with it a closely tied infrastructure network. All European capital cities can be quickly reached by land, air or water from Germany.

Relations with fellow EU member nations are particularly strong. Customs duty exemptions within the EU allow free trade between the community's 28 member states. Nineteen member countries have introduced the euro as its common currency which has eliminated exchange rate risks which would otherwise prove an obstruction to bilateral trade.

These close relationships are reflected in the significance of the EU as a foreign trade partner. Nearly 60% of all German exports remain within the EU. Around three quarters of all foreign direct investments in Germany – and more than half of all German direct investments overseas – originate from or are made in EU countries.

German Exports (2016, in EUR bn)



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Map: German Exports | Data refers to 2016 (in EUR bn). | © Federal Statistics Office 2017

Import of Goods		Export of Goods	
Country of Origin	EUR bn	Destination Country	EUR bn
China	100.5	USA	111.5
Netherlands	91.3	France	105.3
France	64.1	China	86.2
USA	61.1	Netherlands	85.8
Italy	55.9	UK	84.3
Poland	51.0	Italy	65.5
Czechia	46.2	Austria	62.8
Switzerland	45.7	Poland	59.5

Note: Data refers to 2017.

Source: Federal Statistical Office (2018)



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