

Industry	Largest	Second largest	Most specialized	Second most specialized
Food, beverages and tobacco	Germany	UK	Poland	Lithuania
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	Italy	Germany	Bulgaria	Lithuania
Wood and paper	Germany	Italy	Finland	Latvia
Chemicals, rubber and plastics	Germany	France	Slovenia	Belgium
Other non-metallic mineral products	Germany	Italy	Czech Republic	Portugal
Metal and metal products	Germany	Italy	Slovakia	Slovenia
Machinery and equipment	Germany	Italy	Germany	Italy
Electrical machinery and optical equipment	Germany	France	Hungary	Finland
Transport equipment	Germany	France	Germany	Czech Republic
Furniture and other manufacturing	Germany	Italy	Lithuania	Estonia
Non-energy mining and quarrying	UK	Germany	Bulgaria	Poland
Energy	UK	Germany	Poland	Lithuania
Recycling and water supply	Germany	UK	Bulgaria	Slovakia
Construction	UK	Spain	Spain	Luxembourg
Motor trades	Germany	UK	Slovenia	Portugal
Wholesale trade	UK	Germany	Latvia	Estonia
Retail trade and repair	UK	Germany	France	UK
Hotels and restaurants	UK	France	Spain	Austria
Transport services	Germany	UK	Lithuania	Latvia
Communications and media	Germany	UK	Bulgaria	Latvia
Business services	UK	Germany	UK	Luxembourg
Real estate, renting and R&D	Germany	UK	Denmark	Sweden

**Table 9.8 Largest and most specialized EU member countries in 2004**

*Notes:* Largest and second largest refer to absolute levels of value added. Most and second most specialized refer to the share of a particular activity in non-financial business economy average

*Source:* Adapted from European Commission (2007a) *EU Business: Facts and Figures*, Table 1.4, p. 13