



AN EFFICIENT OPERATION BASE, WITH A 'CAN-DO' ATTITUDE

Ireland has an impressive track record in winning foreign direct investment (FDI).

Home to 1,250 overseas company operations, the country continues to attract companies from a host of different sectors. Ireland has been chosen by nine of the top ten global pharmaceutical companies; nine of the top ten global software companies; nine of the top ten US ICT companies and thirteen of the top fifteen global medical technology companies.

A long-term commitment to the European Union

Ireland is one of the most pro-EU countries in Europe. According to the autumn 2016 Eurobarometer survey, optimism about the future of the European Union was highest in Ireland at 77 per cent, compared to an EU average of only 50 per cent. Irish respondents (55 per cent) were also the most likely to have a positive image of the EU. As a member of the eurozone, Ireland provides stability for the EMA and its staff.

IRELAND IS RANKED:

1st in the World for

Flexibility and adaptability of people ²

National culture being open to foreign ideas ²

Ease of complying with corporation legislation and regulation ⁵

Investment incentives being attractive to foreign investors ¹

Availability of finance skills ²

Real GDP growth ²

Exporting computer and information services ⁶

Inward investment based on jobs per capita ⁷

1st in Europe for

Workplace happiness ¹

Ease of paying taxes ³

1st in Eurozone for

Supply chain risk quality ⁴

- ¹ Indeed Workplace Enjoyment Ranking 2016
- ² IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook 2016
- ³ PwC / World Bank Group — Paying Taxes 2016
- ⁴ FM Global Resilience Index 2016
- ⁵ TMF Group Global Benchmark Complexity Index 2015
- ⁶ OECD Digital Economy Outlook 2015
- ⁷ IBM Global Location Trends 2016 report