



Denmark

Procesindustrien (PI)

Number of companies Turnover

245

€5.5 billion

Capital spending Direct employees

€3.2 billion **11,394**

R&D investment

€415 million

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CHEMICAL INDUSTRY SNAPSHOT

A growing and efficient leading industry

Denmark's chemical industry recorded sales of approximately €5.5 billion in 2016, up approximately 27% since 2000 and 0.5% compared to 2015, providing 5.74% of national industrial output and 6.1% of value added (€2.07 billion). Thanks to its high productivity and efficiency, its workforce is 4% of the manufacturing total.

Led by exports

Since 2010, exports have grown 34% at current prices to reach 7% of export of Danish goods in 2016, and on average it has grown 5% in the same period. Approximately 65% of the Danish production is being exported.

Driven by investment in intellectual property

In 2015, the total employment in the Danish chemical industry was 11,394 people and 245 companies, a reduction of 2,030 since 2000. The investment of €670 million in 2016 was approximately 8.2% of the industrial total. Nearly two-thirds (62%) was devoted to intellectual property (R&D).

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Strengths

- High level of innovation
- Excellence on safety
- Strong environmental protection
- Well-educated workforce
- Outstanding quality

Weaknesses

- Negative perceptions of the chemical industry and a tendency to supplement EU laws with national legislation
- High energy taxes
- State bureaucracy: obtaining consent to develop new or existing chemical production sites is difficult
- High labour costs
- Lack of competitiveness compared with Asia and other countries

OUR CONTRIBUTION TO A COMPETITIVE EUROPE

The Danish economy strengthened throughout 2015, reflected in rising GDP and an additional 66,000 private sector hirings since the 2012 turnaround.

Landscape of the European Chemical Industry Website:

<http://www.chemlandscape.cefic.org/country/denmark/>