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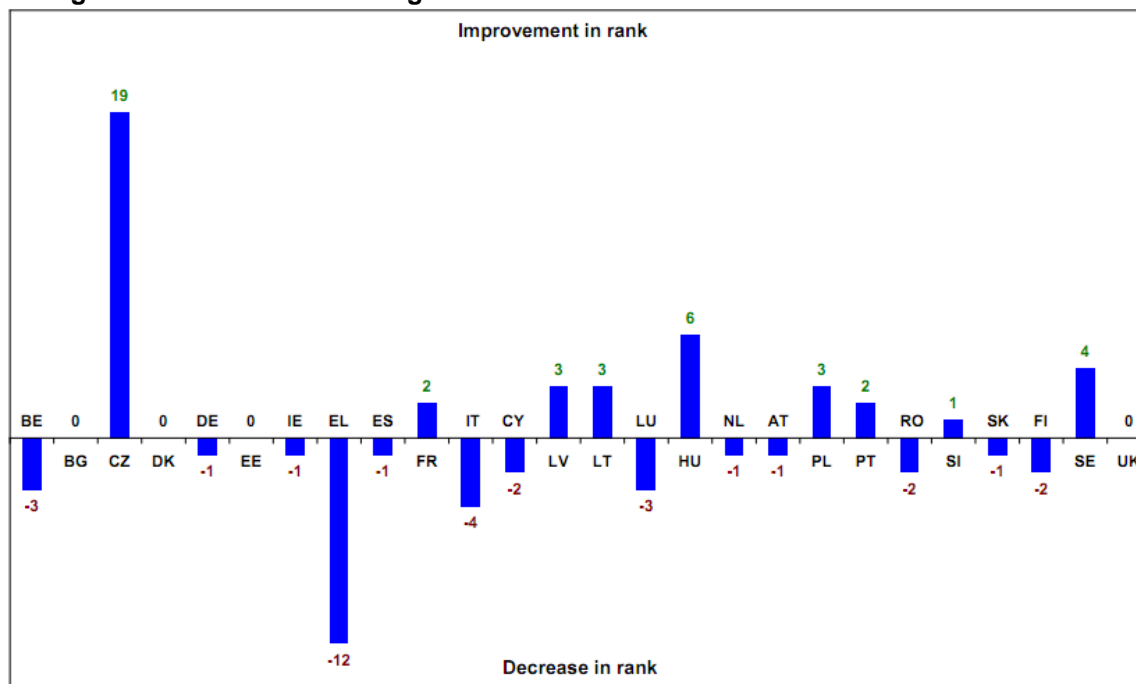
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European Commission report on the competitiveness of industry in EU Member States

The European Commission presented its analysis of the performance of Member States regarding industry competitiveness, noting significant differences. Average labour productivity in the manufacturing sector ranges from 125 percent of gross value added per employee in Ireland to less than 20 percent in Bulgaria. The share of innovative companies is 80 percent in Germany; in Latvia, it is only 25 percent. The most business-friendly environment for companies is Finland; the worst being Italy. Slovenia is among the countries where labour productivity is well below the EU average.

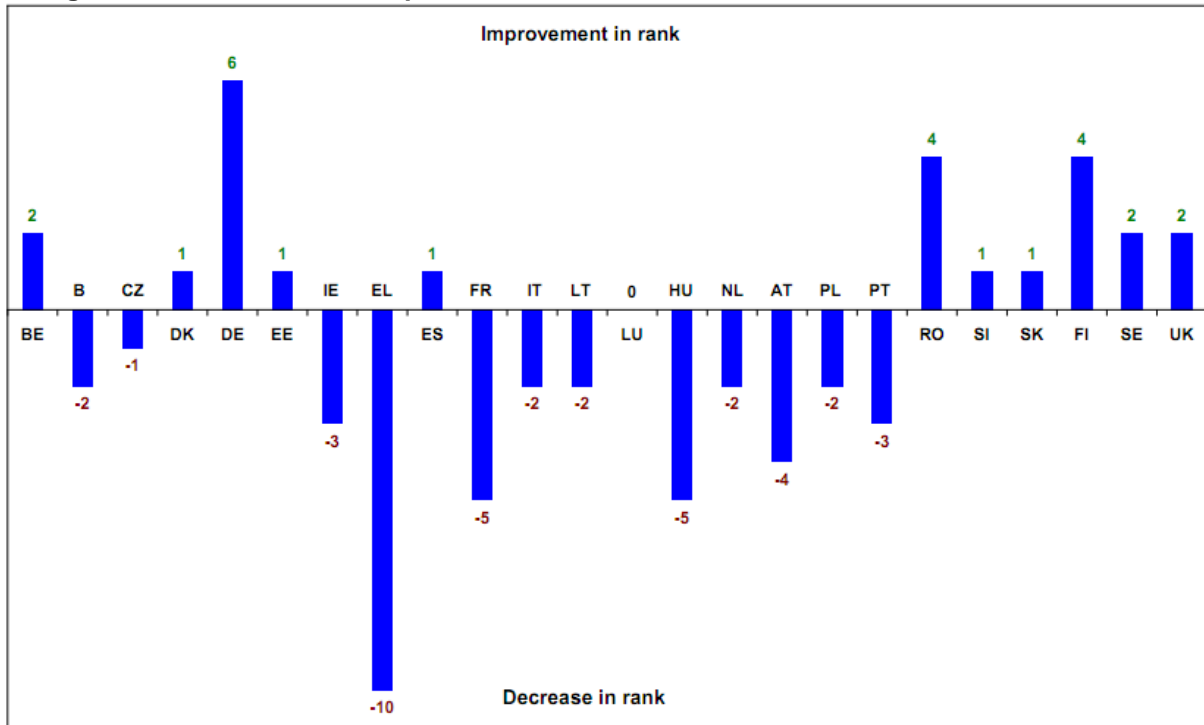
The group of countries where labour productivity is highest contains: Ireland, the Netherlands, Austria, Finland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Sweden and Germany. Slovenia is in the group alongside Slovakia, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Poland, Cyprus, Portugal, Estonia, Lithuania, Romania, Latvia and Bulgaria. When classifying countries according to the friendliness of the business environment, the least burdensome environment for business are Finland, Estonia, Denmark, Cyprus, Sweden and Luxembourg.

Changes in rank of ease of doing business in the EU 2010 - 2011



Source: European Commission

Changes in rank of the IMD competitiveness index 2010 – 2011



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Additional information:

- Report:
http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/industrial-competitiveness/industrial-policy/files/ms_comp_report_2011_en.pdf
- Website on industrial policy:
http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/industrial-competitiveness/industrial-policy/index_en.htm

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