

Selected International Business and Economic Rankings

October 2014

Ireland

Best country in the world for business

Forbes *Best Countries for Business* Report, December 2013

1st in the world for the flexibility and adaptability of our workforce

IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook 2014

1st in the world for inward investment by quality and value

IBM Global Location Trends Report 2013

1st in the world for investment incentives

IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook 2014

Best country in western Europe in which to invest

Site Selection Global *Best to Invest* Report 2014

1st in the world for the availability of skilled labour

IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook 2014

2nd in the world for workforce productivity

IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook 2014

Easiest country in Europe in which to pay business taxes

World Bank/PWC *Paying Taxes* Report 2014

3rd most globalised country in the world, and most globalised country in the western world

Ernst and Young Globalisation Index 2013

1st in the world for attitudes to globalisation

IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook 2014

1st in the world for the quality and added value brought by inward FDI projects

IBM 2014 Global Location Trends Report

Europe's most entrepreneurial country

Wall Street Journal, November 2013

Oracle Capital Group Global Entrepreneurial Report, May 2014

1st in the world in the "Good Country Index" measuring countries' contributions to the wider world

Good Country Index 2014

1st in Europe for the economic effects of innovation

European Commission Innovation Union Scoreboard 2014



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1st in the world for FDI and technology transfer

World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Report 2014-15

In the top 20 nations for quality of scientific research

Thomson Reuters Essential Science Indicators

2nd in the world for research in immunology and probiotics

Thomson Reuters Essential Science Indicators

6th in the world for nanoscience research

Thomson Reuters Essential Science Indicators

8th in the world for research in materials science

Thomson Reuters Essential Science Indicators

Dublin, Cork and Galway all ranked in top 25 "European Cities of the Future"

Financial Times FDI Intelligence *European Cities and Regions of the Future* Report 2014-15

Home to 5 of the top 10 business-friendly European cities of less than 100,000 people

Financial Times FDI Intelligence *European Cities and Regions of the Future* Report 2014-15

Dublin

Best city in the world for human capital

Economist Intelligence Unit "Benchmarking Global City Competitiveness" Report 2012

In the top 3 cities in western Europe in which to invest

Site Selection Global *Best to Invest* Report 2014

Cork

Best small European city for business friendliness

Financial Times FDI Intelligence *European Cities and Regions of the Future* Report 2014-15

Galway

1st in Europe among cities of its size for FDI potential

Financial Times FDI Intelligence *European Cities and Regions of the Future* Report 2014-15

Limerick

In the top 10 cities in western Europe in which to invest

Site Selection Global *Best to Invest* Report 2014

