



**It's the economy stupid!**  
**The Importance of Physics to The  
Economies of Europe**

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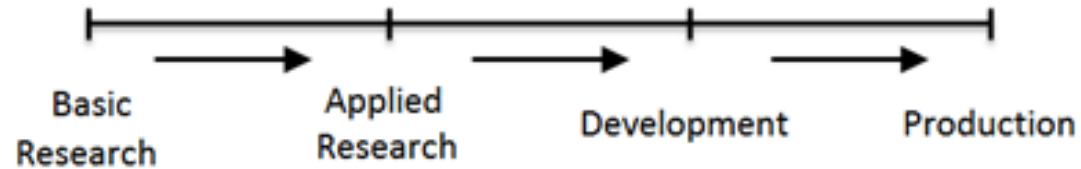
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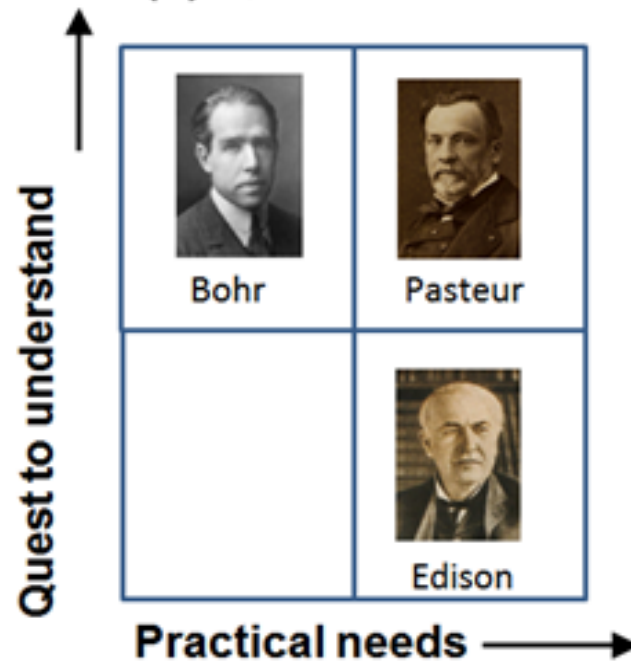


# Research Models

(a) Linear Model



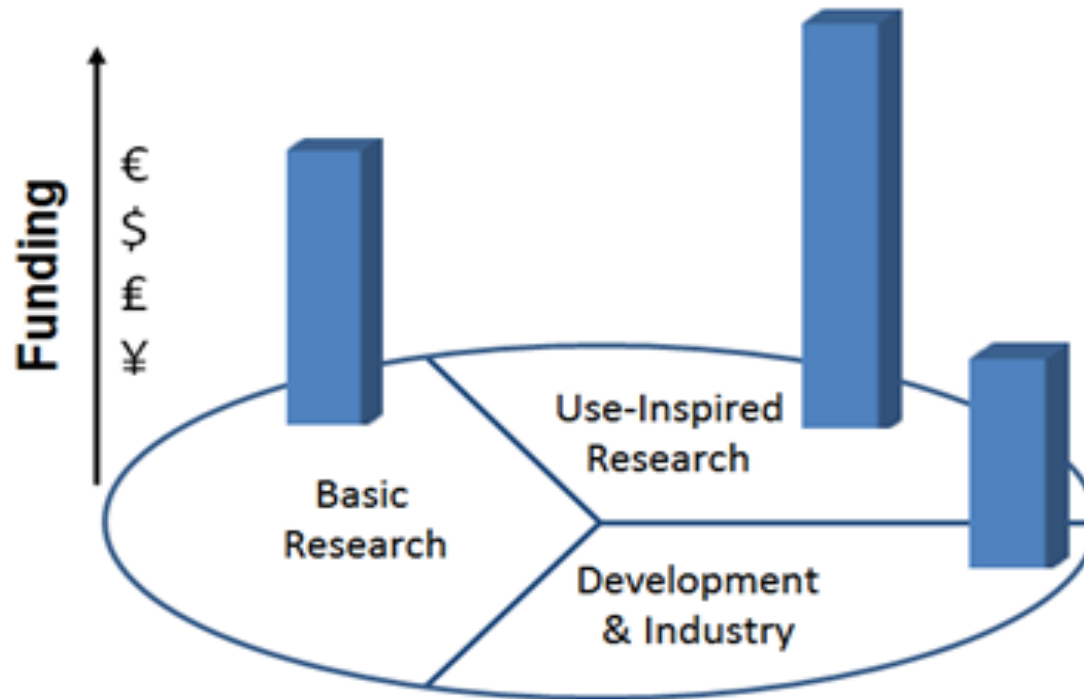
(b) Quadrant Model





# Research Models

(c) Three Sector Model



# Innovations for an advanced world

## 1. LASERS

1958 First Optical Maser

1973 First barcode scanner

1985 First CD/DVD

- Today the laser industry is worth \$6bn



“What industrialist, looking for new cutting and welding devices, or what doctor, wanting a new surgical tool as the laser has turned out to be, would have urged the study of microwave spectroscopy...quantum electronics ... a textbook example of widely applicable technology growing unexpectedly out of basic research”

C H Townes, *How the laser happened* (OUP,1999)

# Innovations for an advanced world

## 2. LCDs

1936 First patent (Marconi Wireless)

1968 First useful display

- Over 80% of 200million TVs sold are LCDs
- Current global market is over 100bn
- \$265bn predicted savings in USA from LED lighting by 2027

# Innovations for an advanced world

## 3. MRI Scanners

1945 First NMR measurements

1980 First MRI image of a patient

- Current global MRI market \$5.5bn

# Innovations for an advanced world

## 4. OPTICAL FIBRES

1928 First patent – John Logie Baird

1988 First transatlantic optical fibre cable

- Today the fibre optic industry is worth \$31bn
- 1.35 billion km now in service across the world
- 40% of bowel cancer operations are now performed via keyhole surgery





## H-Tc : the world awaits

- 1986 discovery of H-Tc (IBM-Muller and Bednorz, Nobel prize 1987)

“Applications of H-Tc have been limited”

“They are fragile and brittle”

“ the main application is for MRI magnets”



# Graphene – the future?

- 2004 discovery (Greim and Novoselov, Nobel prize 2010)
- 2012 EU allocates 1bn euro for research
- 2013 Wikipedia lists 22 possible applications

and yet....

# **Graphene Stock Investing: What the Pros Think**

**“Proceed with caution”**

Tom Konrad, JPS Green Economy Fund

**“Graphene is a complicated technology to deliver. The race to find value is more a marathon than a sprint”**

Quenton Tannok, Chairman Cambridge Intellectual Property

**“Widespread commercial viability of [graphene’s] commercial properties may still be further off than many investors seem to be hoping”**

Frank Morris, Manager Ehipany Global Ecologic Mutual Fund



## The Political Problem

- Politicians do not think in terms of several decades ahead (climate change problem?) – they want to be re-elected!
- Politicians like the money but who gets it and who gets the credit?



# Investing in Physics

[Such] research may be a bad private investment, as resulting commercial applications cannot be exploited exclusively by any one company, but a good investment for society because such developments are a public good

C H Llewellyn–Smith, former D-G of CERN



Michael Faraday, replied to British Chancellor of the Exchequer Gladstone's question "What use is electricity?" (1850) with

"One day, sir, you may tax it"

Harvest of a Quiet Eye, IoP, 1977

# Targeted investment

## Picking winners

“Directing basic research towards economic opportunities is detrimental to growth and may reduce the growth rate by as much as one half”

Chris van Bochove,  
(Leiden University, Basic Research and Prosperity, 2012)



# **Physics and the EU Economy Report 2013**

## **Report Objective**

To explain to policy makers that physics makes an important contribution to the economy and is not simply limited to academic research



# Physics Evaluation Procedure

- Perform an **objective statistical analysis** of the contribution of physics to the business economy
- Use an **independent consultancy firm**, specialised in the treatment of business data (**CEBR — Centre for Economics & Business Research, London, UK**)



# Data sources

- Use the NACE classification scheme (Nomenclature Générale des Activités Economiques dans les Communautés Européennes) as framework
- Eurostat's Structural Business Statistics (SBS)
- Use also other information from bodies such as World Trade Organisation, United Nations, US Census Bureau, Japan Customs ...



# NACE codes

Within NACE codes (Rev 2) 6-95 physics related sectors where there is a critical use of physics in terms of associated technology, expertise and skills have been identified.

Examples include:

Nuclear fuel processing, manufacture of electronic components, electrical equipment and motors, optical instruments and photographic equipment, telecommunications, aircraft and spacecraft manufacture of medical and surgical equipment, defence activities.

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Code	Description	Code	Description
6.1	Extraction of crude petroleum	30.11	Building of ships and floating structures
6.2	Extraction of natural gas	30.2	Manufacture of railway locomotives and rolling stock
9.1	Support activities for petroleum and natural gas extraction	30.3	Manufacture of air and spacecraft and related machinery
20.13	Manufacture of other inorganic basic chemicals	30.4	Manufacture of military fighting vehicles
21.2	Manufacture of pharmaceutical preparations	30.91	Manufacture of motorcycles
23.44	Manufacture of other technical ceramic products	32.5	Manufacture of medical and dental instruments and supplies
24.46	Processing of nuclear fuel	32.99	Other manufacturing <u>n.e.c.</u>
25.21	Manufacture of central heating radiators and boilers	33.11	Repair of fabricated metal products
25.3	Manufacture of steam generators, except central heating hot water boilers	33.12	Repair of machinery
25.4	Manufacture of weapons and ammunition	33.13	Repair of electronic and optical equipment
25.99	Manufacture of other fabricated metal products <u>n.e.c.</u>	33.14	Repair of electrical equipment
26.11	Manufacture of electronic components	33.15	Repair and maintenance of ships and boats
26.12	Manufacture of loaded electronic boards	33.16	Repair and maintenance of aircraft and spacecraft
26.2	Manufacture of computers and peripheral equipment	33.17	Repair and maintenance of other transport equipment
26.3	Manufacture of communication equipment	33.2	Installation of industrial machinery and equipment
26.4	Manufacture of consumer electronics	35.11	Production of electricity
26.51	Manufacture of instruments and appliances for measuring, testing and navigation	38.12	Collection of hazardous waste

# NACE (Rev 2) codes continued

<b>26.6</b>	Manufacture of irradiation, electromedical and electrotherapeutic equipment	<b>38.22</b>	Treatment and disposal of hazardous waste
<b>26.7</b>	Manufacture of optical instruments and photographic equipment	<b>51.22</b>	Space transport
<b>26.8</b>	Manufacture of magnetic and optical media	<b>52.21</b>	Service activities incidental to land transportation
<b>27.11</b>	Manufacture of electric motors, generators and transformers	<b>52.22</b>	Service activities incidental to water transportation
<b>27.12</b>	Manufacture of electricity distribution and control apparatus	<b>52.23</b>	Service activities incidental to air transportation
<b>27.2</b>	Manufacture of batteries and accumulators	<b>60.1</b>	Radio broadcasting
<b>27.31</b>	Manufacture of fibre optic cables	<b>60.2</b>	Television programming and broadcasting activities
<b>27.32</b>	Manufacture of other electronic and electric wires and cables	<b>61.1</b>	Wired telecommunications activities
<b>27.33</b>	Manufacture of wiring devices	<b>61.2</b>	Wireless telecommunications activities
<b>27.4</b>	Manufacture of electric lighting equipment	<b>61.3</b>	Satellite telecommunications activities
<b>27.51</b>	Manufacture of electric domestic appliances	<b>61.9</b>	Other telecommunications activities
<b>27.9</b>	Manufacture of other electrical equipment	<b>62.09</b>	Other information technology and computer service activities
<b>28.11</b>	Manufacture of engines and turbines, except aircraft, vehicle and cycle engines	<b>71.11</b>	Architectural activities

# NACE (Rev 2) codes continued

<b>28.21</b>	Manufacture of ovens, furnaces and furnace burners	<b>71.12</b>	Engineering activities and related technical consultancy
<b>28.23</b>	Manufacture of office machinery and equipment (except computers and peripheral equipment)	<b>71.2</b>	Technical testing and analysis
<b>28.25</b>	Manufacture of non-domestic cooling and ventilation equipment	<b>72.11</b>	Research and experimental development on biotechnology
<b>28.29</b>	Manufacture of other general-purpose machinery <u>n.e.c.</u>	<b>72.19</b>	Other research and experimental development on natural sciences and engineering
<b>28.49</b>	Manufacture of other machine tools	<b>72.2</b>	Research and experimental development on social sciences and humanities
<b>28.92</b>	Manufacture of machinery for mining, quarrying and construction	<b>74.2</b>	Photographic activities
<b>28.99</b>	Manufacture of other special-purpose machinery <u>n.e.c.</u>	<b>74.9</b>	Other professional, scientific and technical activities <u>n.e.c.</u>
<b>29.1</b>	Manufacture of motor vehicles	<b>95.12</b>	Repair of communication equipment



## NACE codes continued

Physics based activities which are NOT INCLUDED within the NACE codes are largely non market services and activities. Thus for example education and health, sports and entertainment are omitted as well as national and European physics research facilities, including CERN.

# EPS CEBR report

- Statistics (prior to 2011) are available at the required level of detail from Euro Stat for 27 EU Member States, plus the EFTA countries Switzerland and Norway.
- Data has been collated for each country separately and EPS has access to the raw data for distribution purposes
- Final report published April 2013



# CEBR final report

The full report (53 pages) has now been made available to all on the EPS website

[www.eps.org/physicsandthe economy](http://www.eps.org/physicsandthe economy)

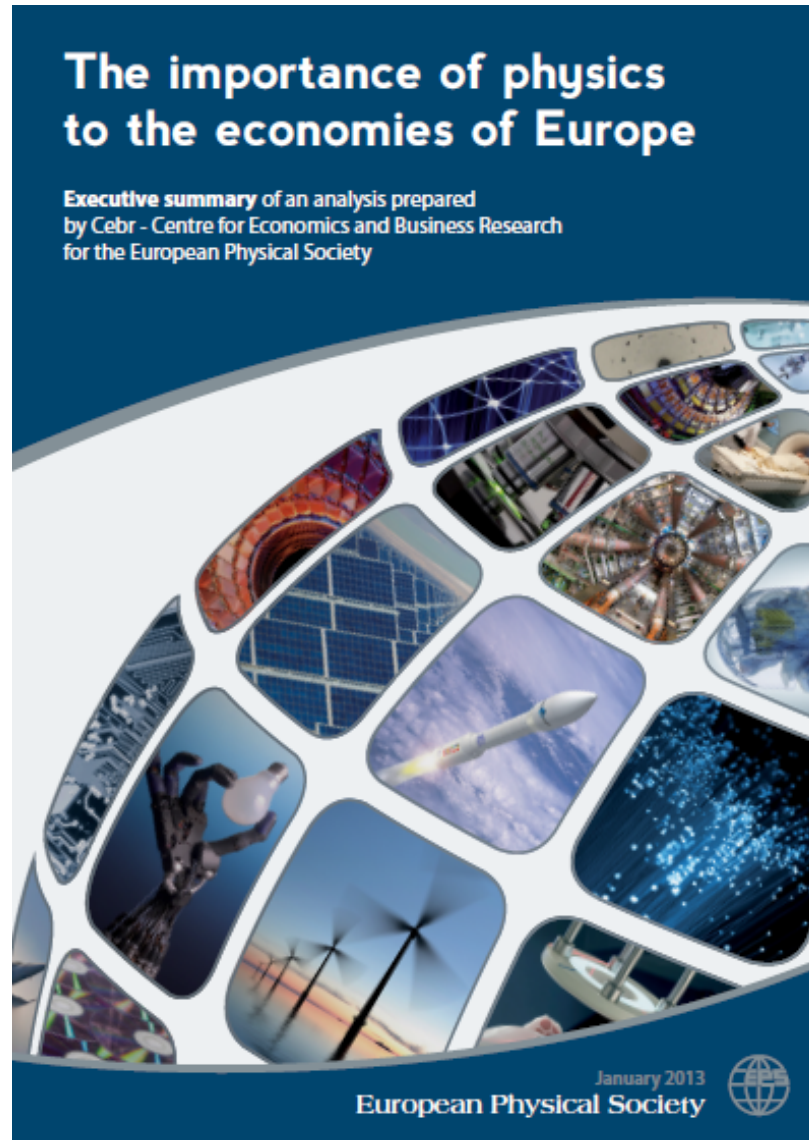


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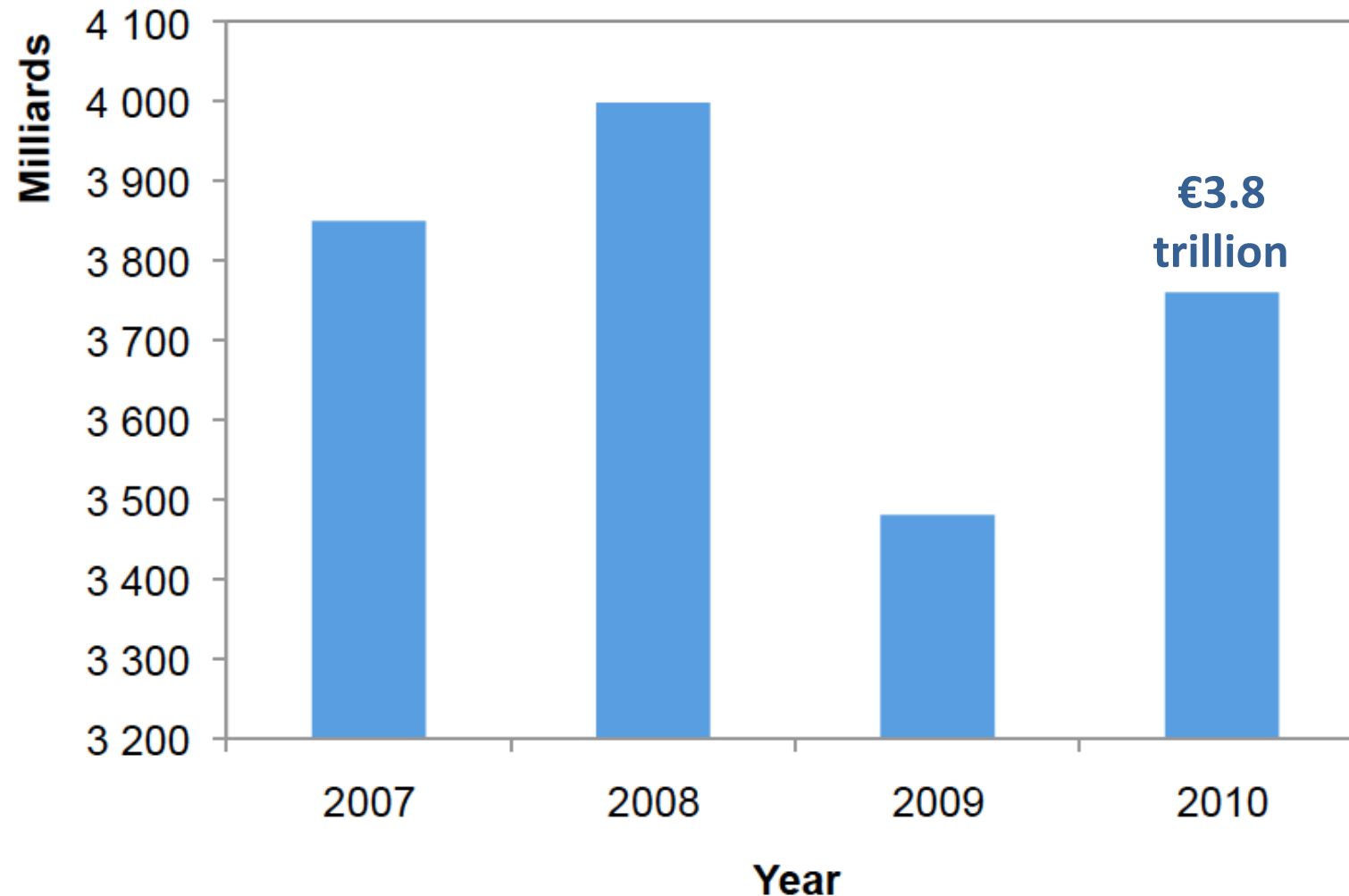
# EPS Executive summary



## Results in Brief

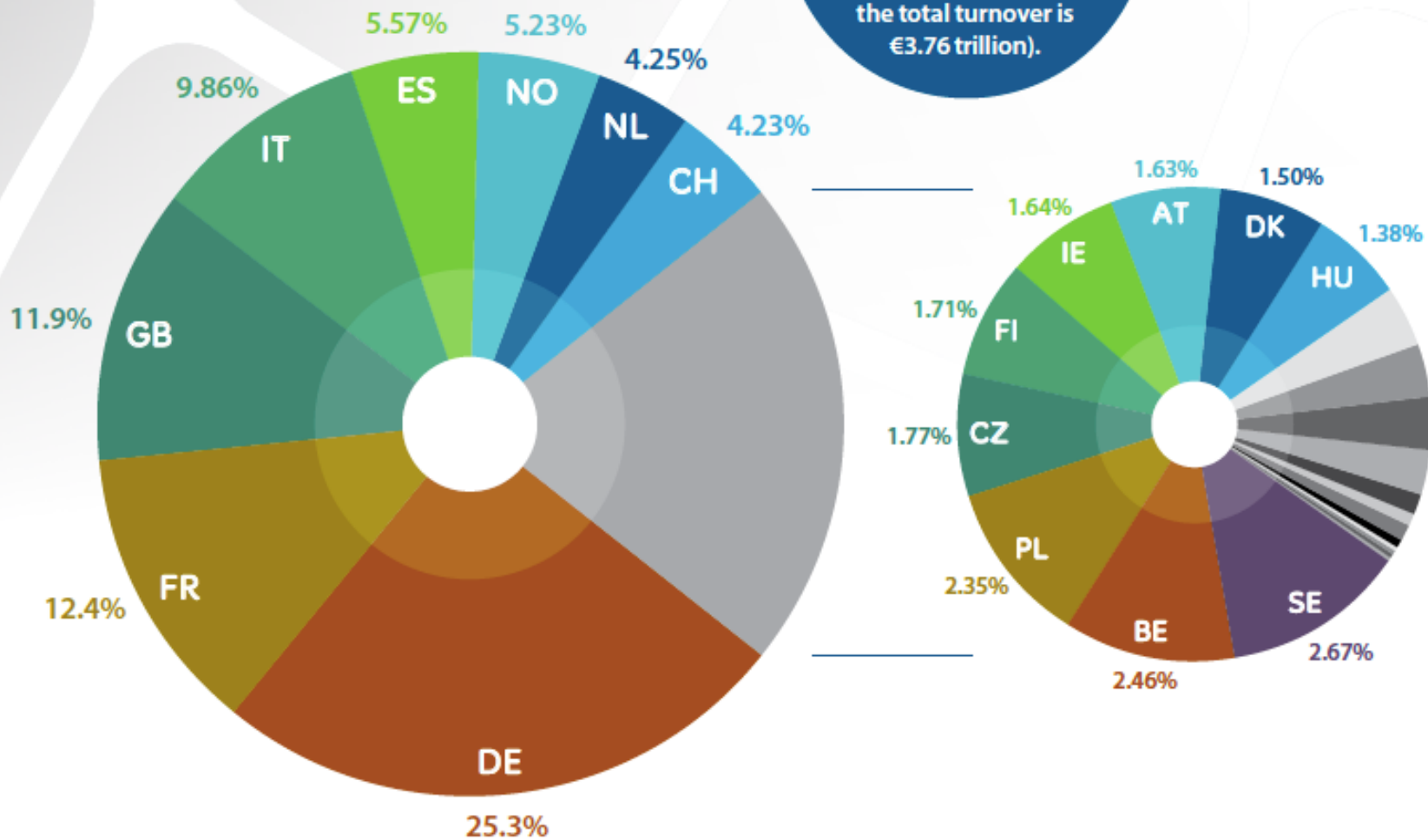
<b>€3.8 trillion</b>	<b>15.4 million</b>	<b>44.9%</b>	<b>€47 billion</b>
<p>In 2010, physics-based industries generated €3.8 trillion of turnover, representing over 15% of total turnover within Europe's business economy. Turnover per person employed in the physics-based sector substantially outperforms the construction and retail sectors.</p>	<p>In 2010, physics-based industries employed 15.4 million people. This is over 13% of total employment within Europe's business economy. Moreover, for every job created in physics-based industries, a total of 2.73 jobs are supported in the whole economy by these industries.</p>	<p>Gross Value Added (GVA) measures the value produced by a sector of the economy. Physics-based GVA is diverse. 44.9% comes from manufacturing, but more than 50% is spread between information &amp; communications, professional, scientific &amp; technical activities, oil &amp; gas activities, and energy production.</p>	<p>The European physics-based sector is highly R&amp;D intensive. Physics-based sector expenditure on R&amp;D exceeded €47 billion every year over the period 2007-2010. R&amp;D investment levels in 2010 exceeded those in 2007.</p>

# Turnover in physics-based industries (€ current prices)

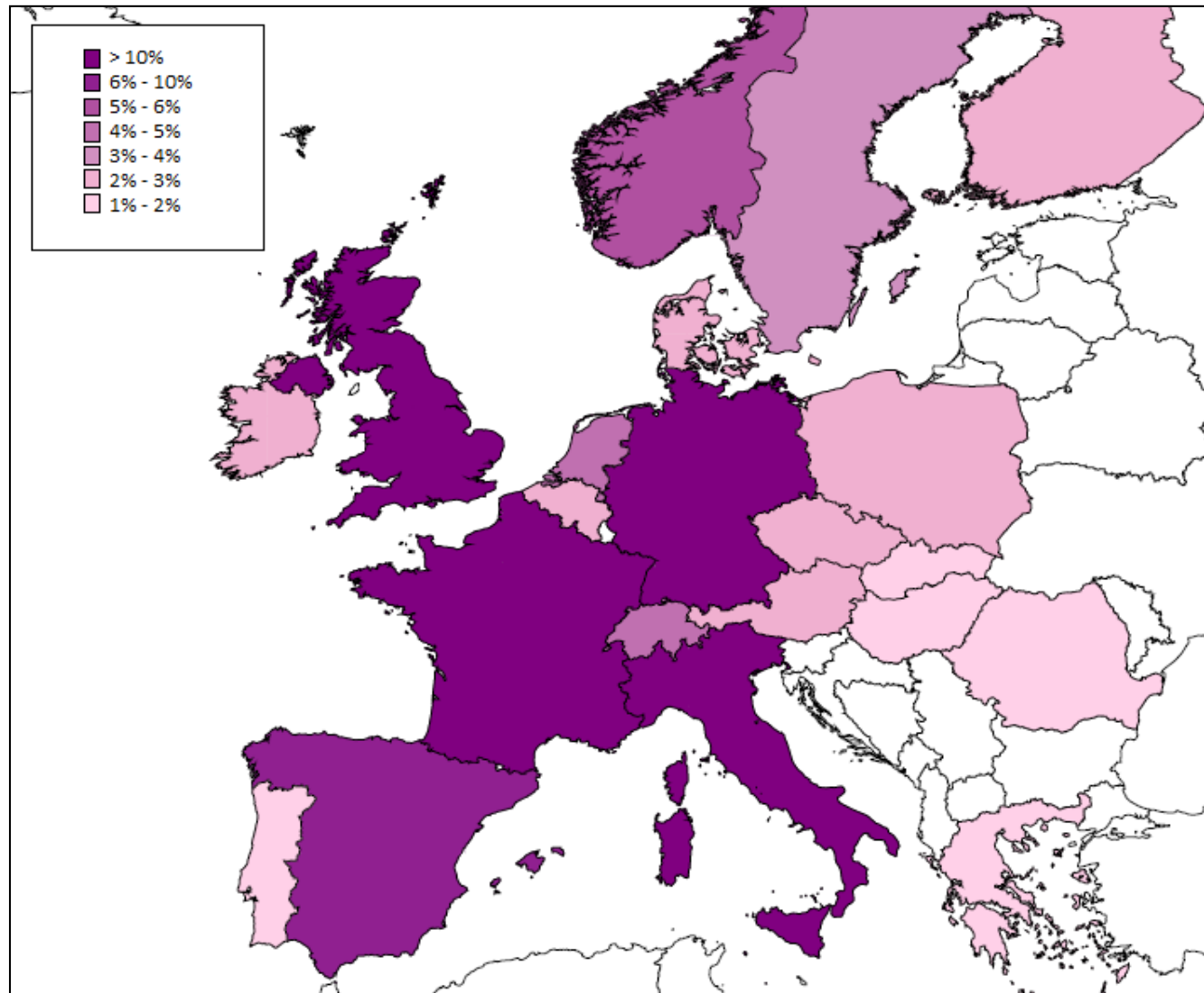


# Contribution to total EU turnover

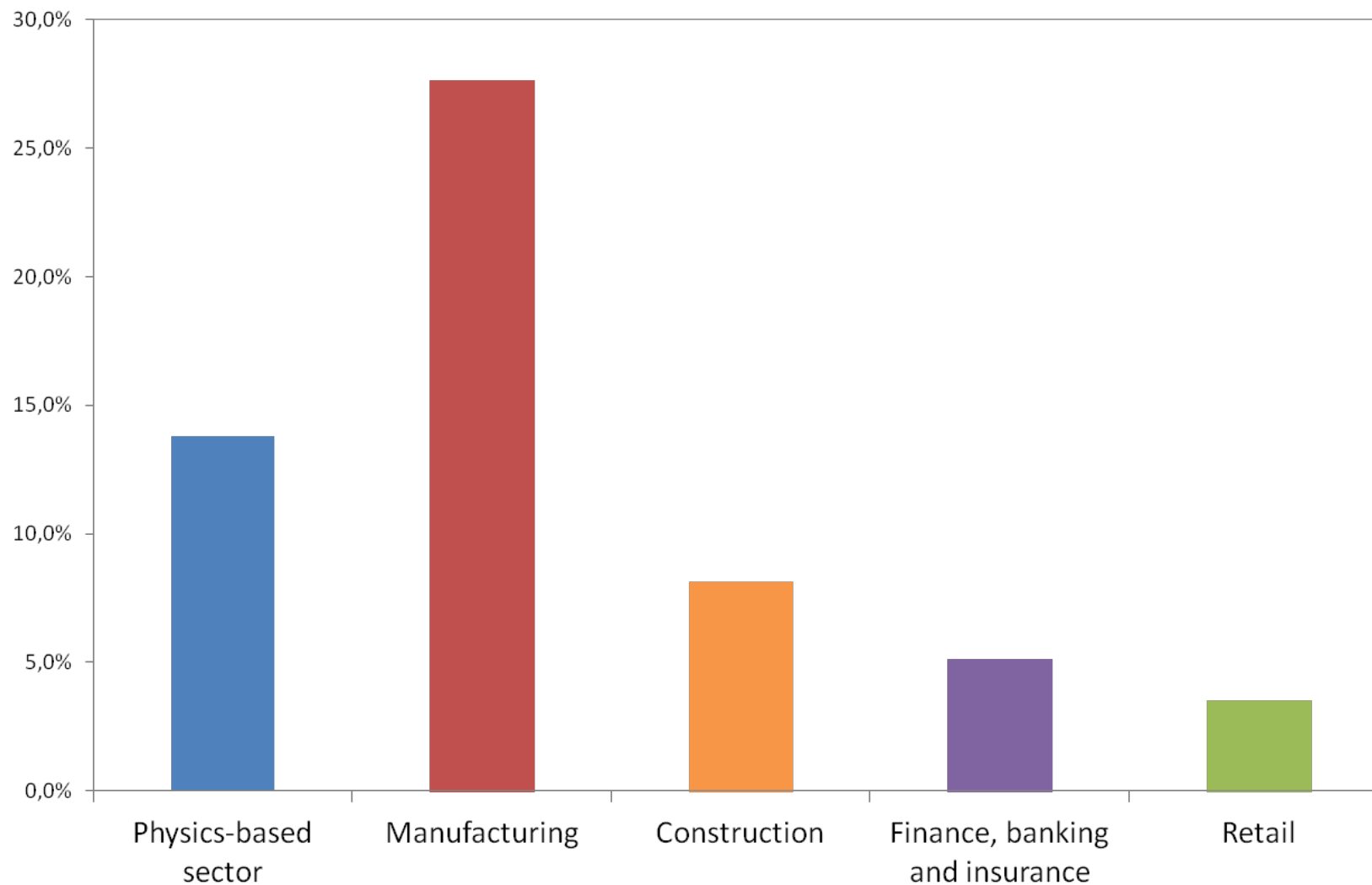
**FIGURE 1**  
 Contribution of the different countries in Europe to turnover from physics-based industries (using 2010 data where the total turnover is €3.76 trillion).



# Share of total physics-based turnover in the EU-27, Norway & Switzerland; average 2007-10

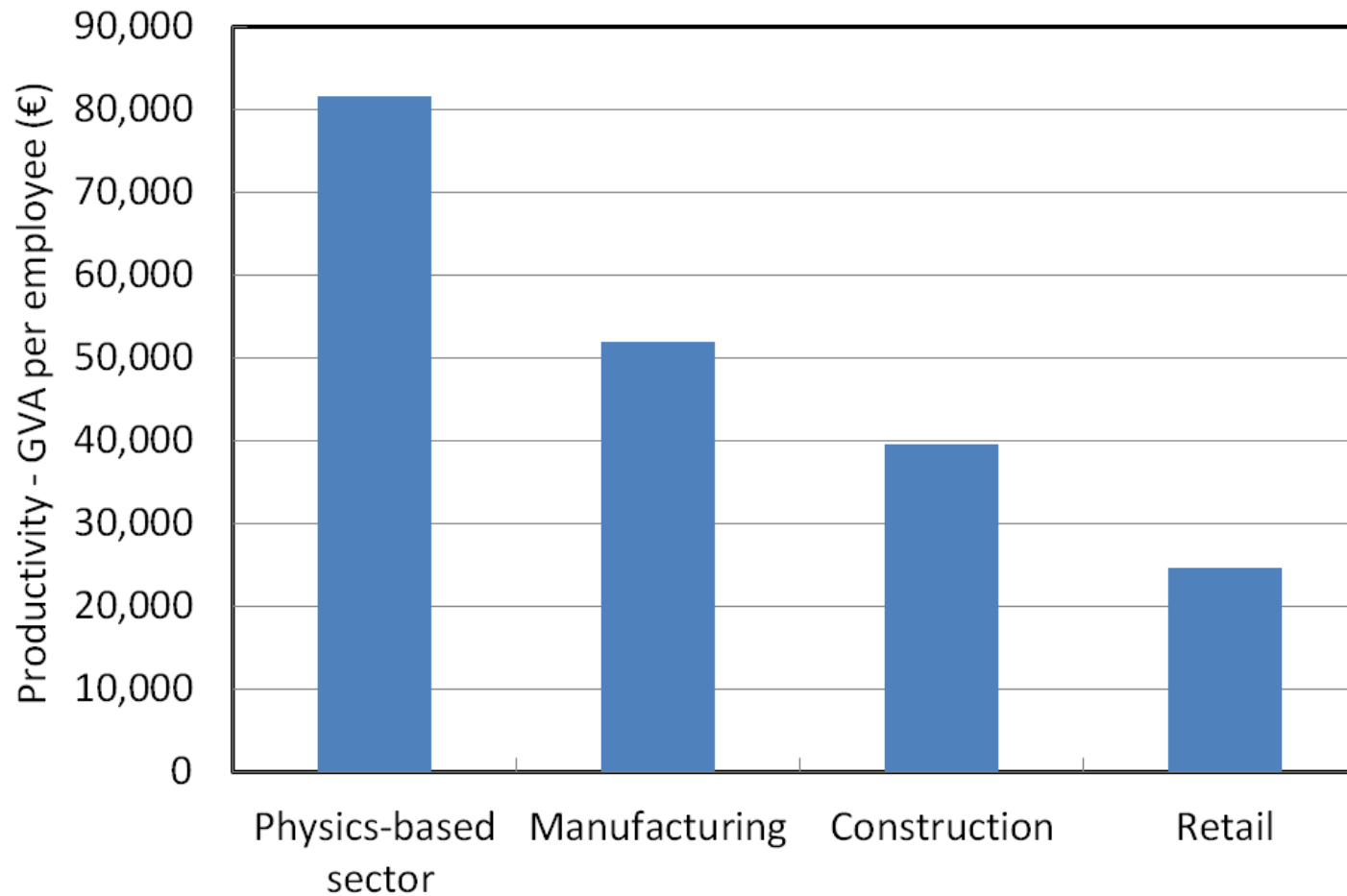


# Selected sectors' shares of EU27 output at basic prices, 2008

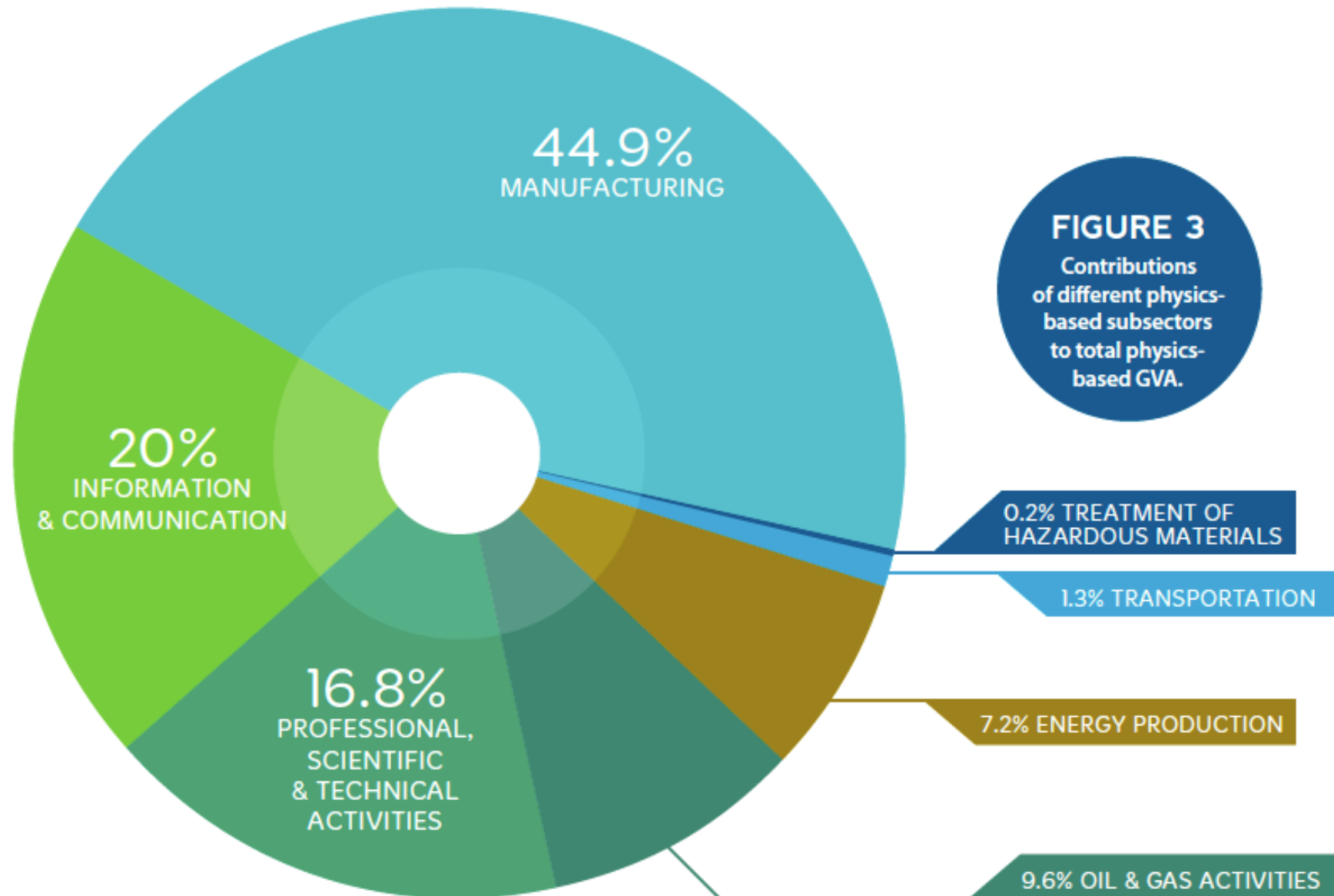




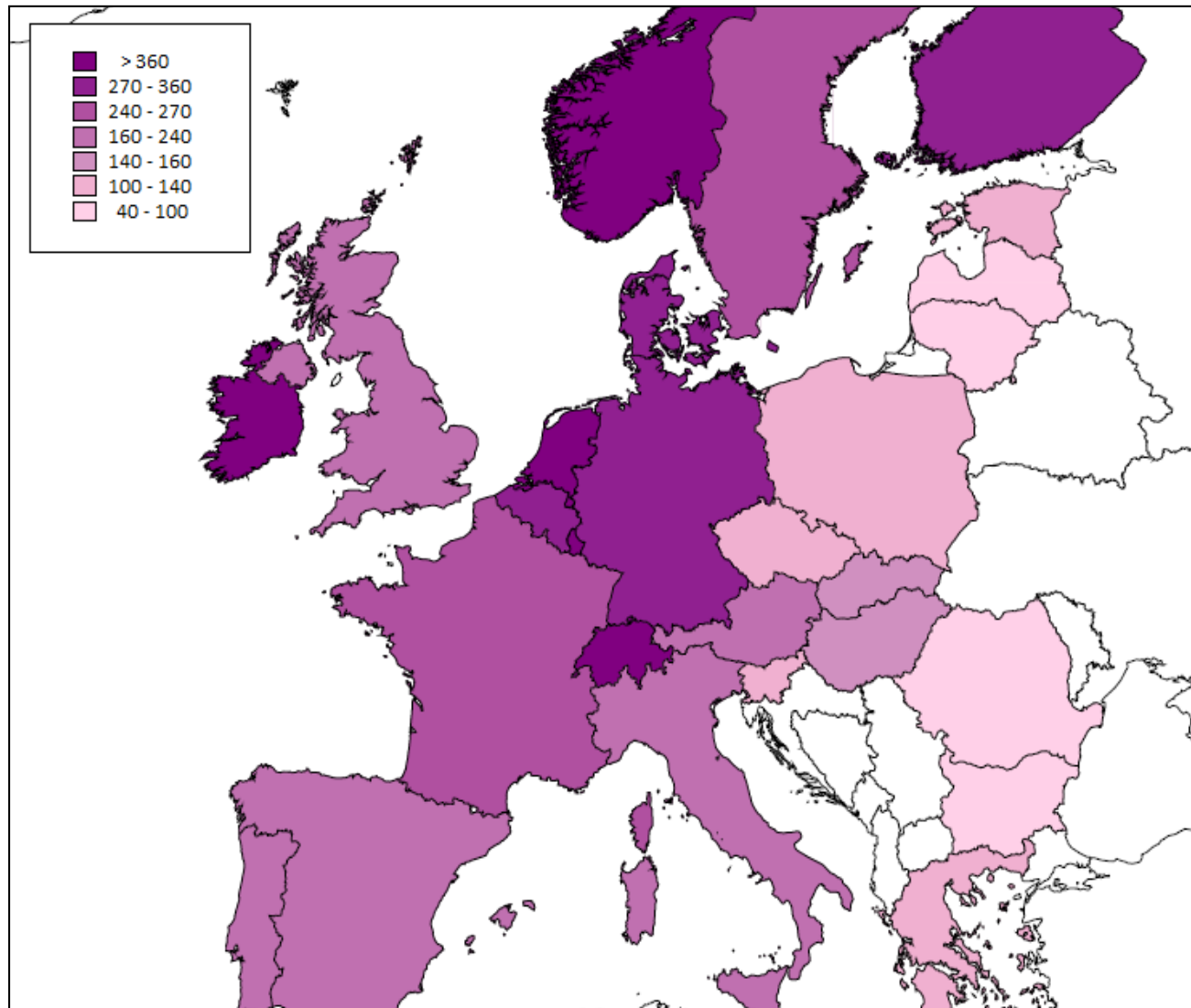
# Productivity (GVA per employee)



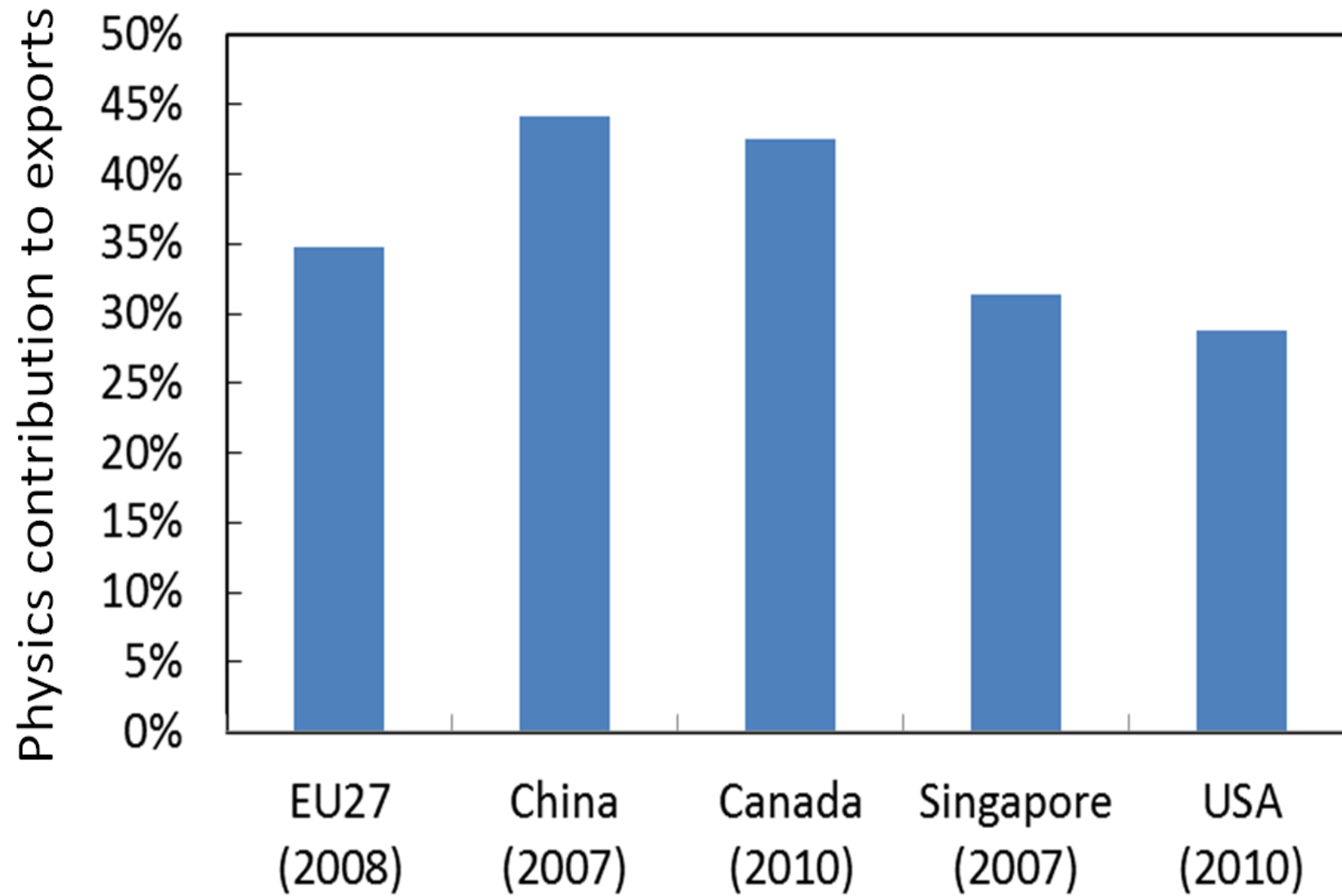
# Contribution of physics-based subsectors to total physics-based GVA



# Physics-based turnover per person employed, 2010, thousand €, EU-27 and Norway, Switzerland



# Exports





# Intellectual Infrastructure

“...the best way is for governments to finance and invest in intellectual infrastructure and support research and technology so that we have a basis to work in the long term”

Tom Enders, Chief Executive Airbus, 2012

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# The Importance of Physics to the UK Economy

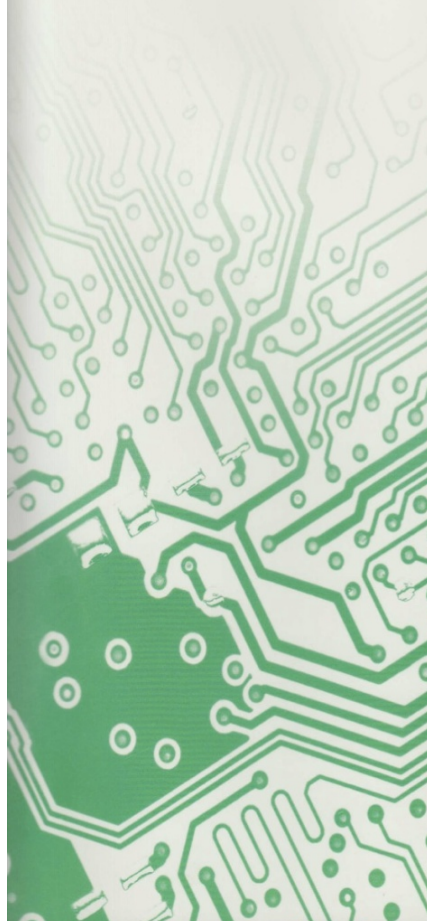


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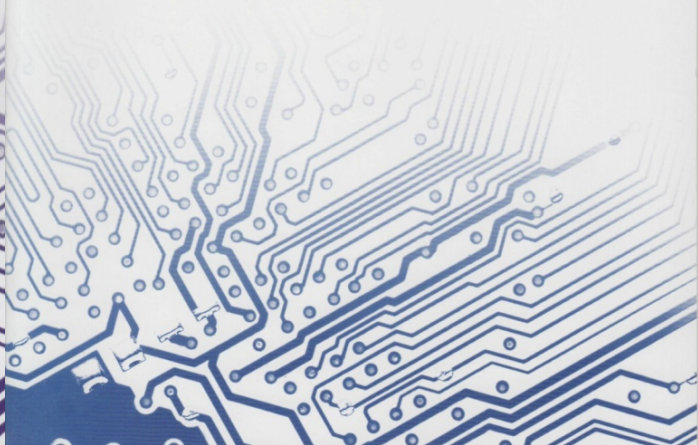
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# The Importance of Physics to the Scottish Economy



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# The Importance of Physics to the Northern Irish Economy



**GVA in Physics-Based Industry, millions of euro, current prices**

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Austria	22,680	24,574	22,279	23,419
Belgium	27,305	27,092	26,858	30,562
Bulgaria	2,855	3,172	3,120	3,294
Cyprus	964	1,006	997	1,149
Czech Republic	17,715	19,038	15,775	16,739
Denmark	23,381	27,025	22,936	24,961
Estonia	1,154	1,188	1,114	1,165
Finland	20,659	20,192	14,943	15,892
France	145,843	142,879	133,994	141,380
Germany	294,398	291,348	263,129	301,062
Greece	10,835	11,683	10,719	12,429
Hungary	11,386	12,301	10,926	12,225
Ireland	20,273	23,382	20,888	21,735





Europe should become the most competitive and dynamic knowledge based economy in the world.

EU Commission, 2003