Investment needs for the provision of European Public Goods (three Ds)

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Main messages

- 1. Decarbonizing: Very high investment needs Regulation pricing and reliance on market mechanisms also support the green transition
- 2. Digitalising and Innovating: EU Still at the front of cleantech but loosing ground in many domains More integration, better business prospects, improved access to finance?
- 3. Derisking: Reducing dependencies and increasing supply chain resilience through legal acts and firms reactions as well

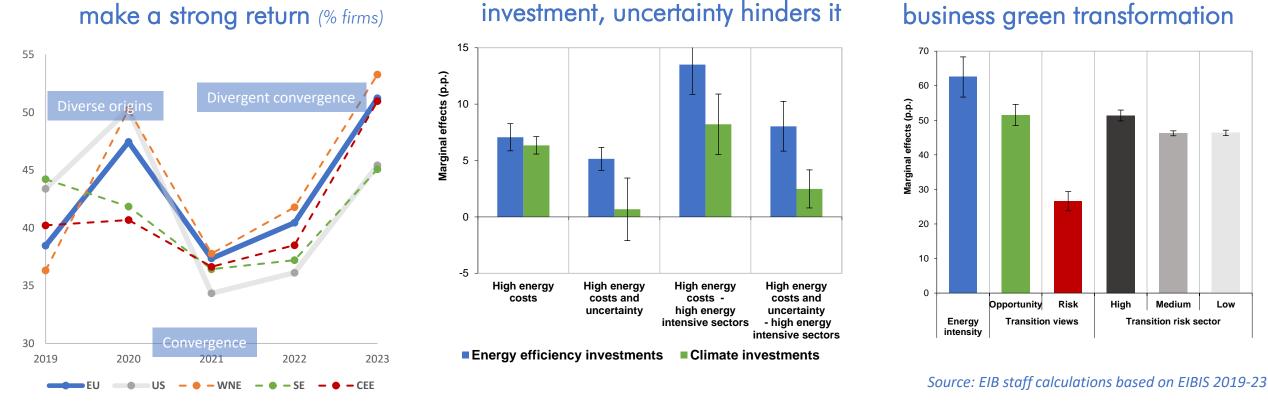
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1. Energy costs and EU's climate policies spur firms' transformation

Energy efficiency investments make a strong return (% firms)



Energy costs boost green investment, uncertainty hinders it

Environmental Investment according to EC estimates (2023, annual figures, EUR bn):

Current levels (936) - needs for the green transition (1556) - gaps (620, 17%)

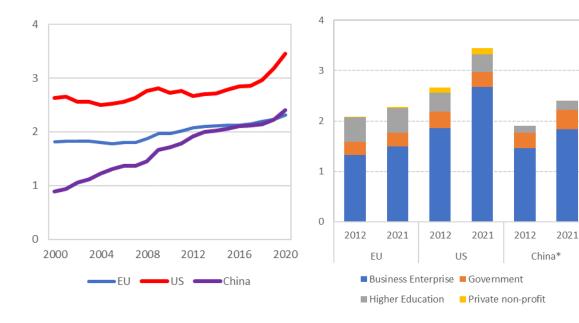


2022: EU GDP 16 tn, EU total investment 3.6 tn. 23% = 14 (corp.) + 6 (Housholds) + 3 (gvt)

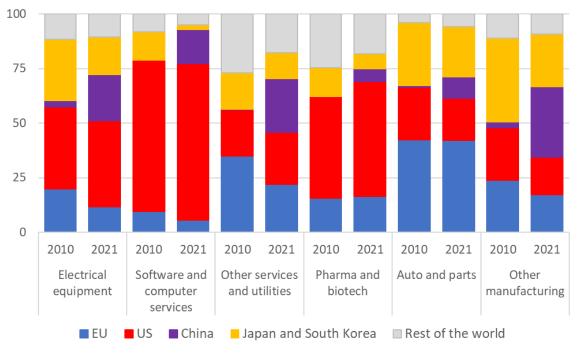
Expectations and exposure drive

2. Digitalising and innovating

R&D expenditure (% of GDP)



Geographical breakdown of R&D expenditure by sector (%)



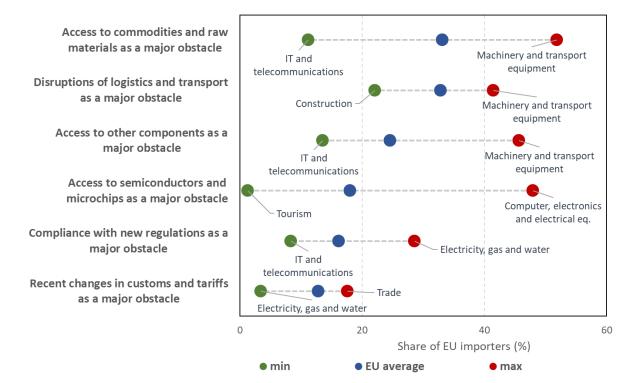
Source: Eurostat and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Note: For China, 2021 is an estimate based on 2020 data, and no data on the private non-profit sector are available.

Source: EIB staff calculations based on the EU Industrial R&D Investment Scoreboard 2022. Note: See IR 2023/2024 for the sector composition



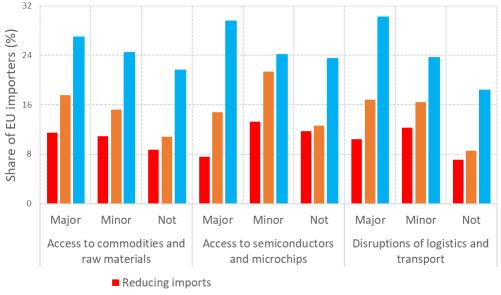
3. Derisking

Supply chain disruptions seen as a major obstacle differently across sectors



Source: EIB calculations based on EIBIS (2023). Note: 12-sectors decomposition. See EIB IR (2022) and six types of disruption considered.

Supply chains disruptions as an obstacle and firms reaction



- Substituting non-EU suppliers with those from the EU
- Diversifying or increasing import sources/countries

Source: EIB calculations based on EIBIS (2023).

Note: Importing firms only – Intensity of the reaction by nature (reducing imports, substituting or diversifying) conditioned on the perception of the obstacle.

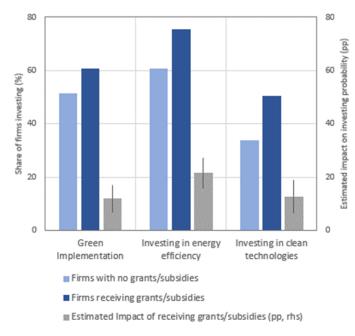


4. Concluding remarks: Public support cannot be all but can help Stronger integration/Capital Market Union/business environment is first best

Assets held by euro area banks

(% lhs, total euro trn rhs)

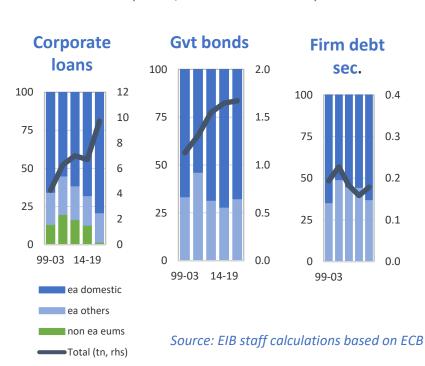
Grants and subsidies significantly support green investments



Source: EIB calculations based on EIBIS (2023).

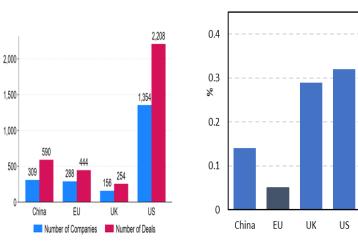
Note: Probit estimation that controls for firm characteristics, sectors, countries and years, weighted by firms' value-added. The black lines represent confidence intervals at the 95th percentile.

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EU has significantly fewer scale-ups

And Less capital invested in scaleups (% GDP)



Source: EIB staff calculations based on Pitch Book

Cross border financial integration still below pre-GFC (deepness of financial markets)



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