

# GROWING TOGETHER: enlargement – a positive sum game



**ECONOMICALLY, ENLARGEMENT HAS BENEFITTED  
ALL EU MEMBER STATES**

**Enlargement has broken down trade barriers in Europe, creating a bigger, more integrated and more prosperous internal market**



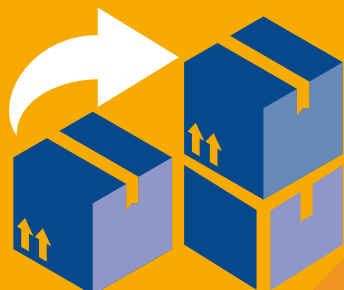
**€2.8  
trillion**

### Exports within EU

Goods exports within the EU were valued at €2.8 trillion in 2012, 1.7 times as high as the value of goods exported outside the EU.

Example :

German exports to the EU12 have almost doubled since 2004, totalling €124.5 billion in 2013.



2004

2013



### Foreign Direct Investment

The value of foreign direct investment held by the EU15 in the EU12 reached €564 billion in 2012, a 357% increase on 2007 levels.



### GDP per capita

GDP per capita in the EU12 rose from 40% of the EU15 average in 1999 to 60% of the EU15 average in 2012.

**EU12** > Countries that joined the EU in 2004 and 2007

**EU15** > Countries that were EU members before 2004