

Investments on environmental protection for industry

Year 2014

In 2014 investments for environmental protection of industrial companies decreased for the second year in a row, with a decline of 19.7 % compared to the previous year. This compares to a 6.5 % increase of total gross fixed investment.¹ The decline was very significant for small and medium-sized businesses (-41.6%) and lower for large ones (-9.2%).

It is estimated that over 1,1 billion euros were invested in environmental protection. The expenditure was incurred for the three quarters by large companies (250+ employees) that invested 853 million euros compared with 264 million euros of small and medium sized enterprises. On average 294 euros for each employee were invested.

Investments were mainly oriented towards end-of-pipe type equipment and installations (793 million euros, -17.2% over 2013)² the expenditure for installations and equipment integrated technology was lower (324 million euros), it fell by more than a quarter compared to the previous year (-25.2%).³

The total GFCF by industrial enterprises for environmental protection accounted for 3.2%, the share decreased to 2.0% in manufacturing, a decline compared to 2013 (2.9%).

More than one third of the expenditure (37.1%) was devoted to the recovery and remediation of soil, groundwater and surface water, noise and vibration abatement, protection of the landscape and radiation protection and to research and development activities aiming at the protection of the environment. The highest expenditure was carried out by the sectors of manufacture of refined petroleum products (20.2%), metal (14.1%).

INVESTMENTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR INDUSTRY (a). Years 2014 and 2013, million of euros at current prices and percentage changes

CHARACTERISTICS	2014	2013	Percentage changes 2014/2013
End-of-pipe investment	793	958	-17.2
Investment linked to cleaner technologies	324	433	-25.2
Total	1,117	1,391	-19.7

(a) NACE Rev.2, sections B-E (except for NACE Rev.2 divisions 37, 38 and 39).

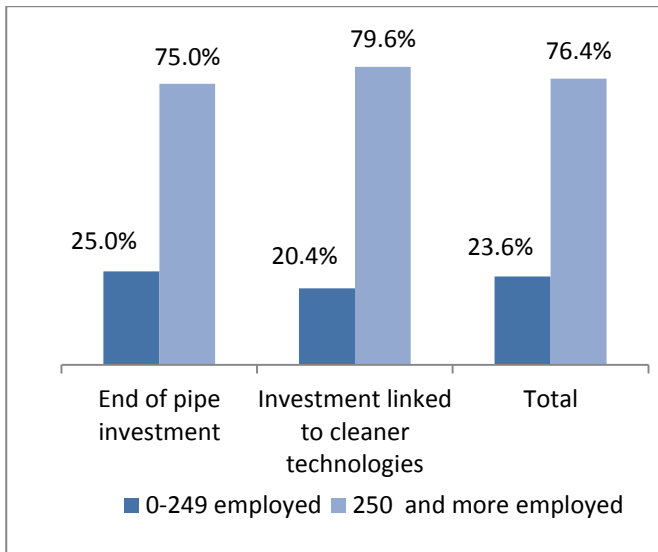
¹ These are companies belonging to sections B, C,D, E of the new 2007 Ateco classification, with the exclusion of companies carrying out activities related to sewerage, collection, treatment and disposal of waste and materials recovery, remediation activities and other waste management services (divisions 37,38 and 39).

Investments in equipment, installations or devices for the control and reduction of pollution, acting after it has been generated.

² Investments in equipment, installations or devices for the control and reduction of pollution, acting after it has been generated.

³ Investments in equipment, installations or devices, which prevent or reduce the pollution generated by the production process at source.

INVESTMENTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR INDUSTRY (a) BROKEN DOWN BY SIZE CLASSES OF NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED. Year 2014, percentage values



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