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The pharmaceutical industry is a major asset to the EU economy

- It employs almost 615,000 people in total, of whom 103,000 are engaged in R&D activities
- It is the leading high-technology sector in terms of trade surplus in Europe, amounting to almost €33bn in 2004
- Its contribution to trade is growing, accounting for >5% of total EU manufacturing exports in 2004, compared with 2% in 1990

EFPIA

- The European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) represents **the research-based pharmaceutical industry operating in Europe.**

- Founded in 1978, its members comprise:

- 30 national pharmaceutical associations
- 44 pharmaceutical companies

Through its membership, EFPIA represents the common views of about 2,100 large, medium and small companies including the entire European research-based pharmaceutical sector.

- Two specialised groups within EFPIA:
 - EFPIA/EVM - European Vaccine's Manufacturers (8)
 - EFPIA/EBE – European Biopharmaceutical Enterprises (38)



EFPIA Mission

EFPIA mission is to promote pharmaceutical research and development and the best conditions for companies to bring to market medicines that improve human health and the quality of life around the world