

Importance of neighbouring EU regions for the Swiss MEM sector

Sales market

Neighbouring EU regions are as important as the USA & China together.



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MEM-Exports 2018

CHF **13.4** billion

CHF 13.7 billion



Economic impact



Orders from neighbouring EU regions generate output amounting to CHF **6.6** billion and provide jobs for **45'000** persons. This corresponds to **14%** of the entire MEM sector.

Labour market

10% of employees are international commuters (CH average: 6%).



23% of companies dispatch employees to neighbouring EU regions.



In **17%** of the companies, expats are from neighbouring EU regions.

Buying market

The MEM sector procures **27%** of its goods imports from suppliers from neighbouring EU regions (CH average: 14%).

Production network

21% of MEM companies have a permanent establishment in neighbouring EU regions.



In the case of **34%** of these companies, enterprises from neighbouring EU regions are closely integrated in the output chain.



Research network

55% of companies with international research cooperations have a R&D partner in neighbouring EU regions.

