How to Read the Country Profiles


1 THE EUROPE 2020 COMPETITIVENESS INDEX
This section details the EU Member State’s performance on the various components of the Europe 2020 Competitiveness Index. The first column shows the country’s rank among the 28 Member States, while the second column presents the score. On the right-hand side, a chart shows the performance of each Member State in the seven pillars of the Index (blue line) measured against the average scores across all the Member States in the same stage of development (black line). In addition, the country is also benchmarked against the best performer in Index (Finland in the 2014 Edition).

2 THE EUROPE 2020 COMPETITIVENESS INDEX IN DETAIL
This section details the performance of each Member State on each of the indicators entering the composition of the Index. Indicators are organized by pillar.

- **INDICATOR, UNITS:** This column contains the title of each indicator and, where relevant, the units in which it is measured – for example, “days” or “% GDP”. Indicators that are not derived from the Executive Opinion Survey (EOS) are identified by an asterisk (*). Indicators derived from the EOS are always expressed as scores on a 1–7 scale, with 7 being the most desirable outcome.

- **VALUE:** This column reports the country’s score on each of the variables that compose the Global Competitiveness Index (GCI).

- **RANK/28:** This column reports the country’s position among the 28 EU Member States covered by the 2014 edition of the Index.