

■ ■ ■ La position de la Belgique dans les classements de compétitivité : analyse d'une sélection d'indicateurs

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ABSTRACT ■ ■ ■

International rankings of country global competitiveness are regularly released. This article reviews these main rankings. It analyses in detail the components of the synthetic indicators used to establish the rankings, while emphasizing the methodological shortcomings of the indexes. A particular focus is placed on Belgium's position, its major advantages and inconveniences, and on the comparison with other European countries, notably the principal trading partners. A specific section is also devoted to the rankings linked to the Lisbon Strategy. The main lesson is that these rankings are useful to give a first image of a country's competitiveness, stimulate the debates and engage reforms. The general rankings need however to be relativized and completed with a thorough analysis of the individual determinants of the competitiveness.

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