

Economic freedom

Switzerland performs exceptionally well in attracting international firms to settle within its borders. One of the principal reasons for this success is the liberal environment and the country's market-oriented economic policy.

	Rank worldwide	Rank Europe	Ratings
Hong Kong	1		8.7
Singapore	2		8.5
Switzerland	3	1	8.2
New Zealand	3		8.2
U.S.	3		8.2
U.K.	6	2	8.1
Canada	7		8.0
Ireland	8	3	7.9
Luxembourg	9	4	7.8
Germany	19	11	7.5
France	38	19	6.9

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