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Survey results for Western Europe

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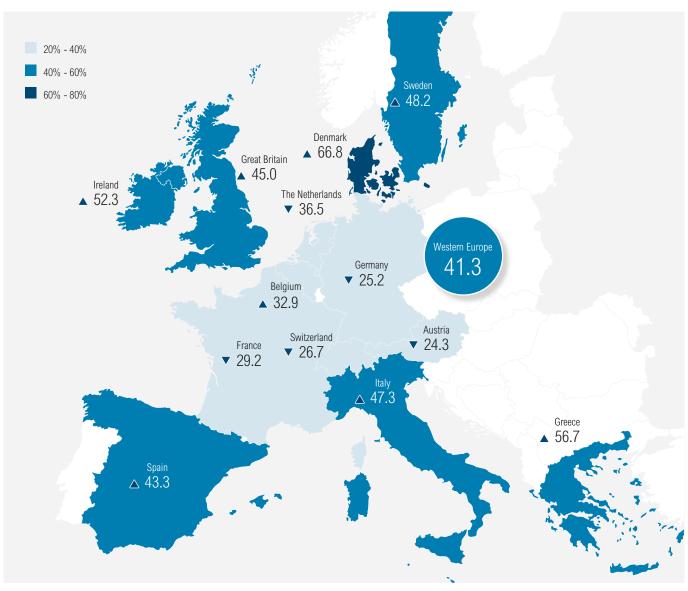
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Western Europe: proportion of total B2B sales made on credit (domestic and foreign)

Sample: all interviewed companies

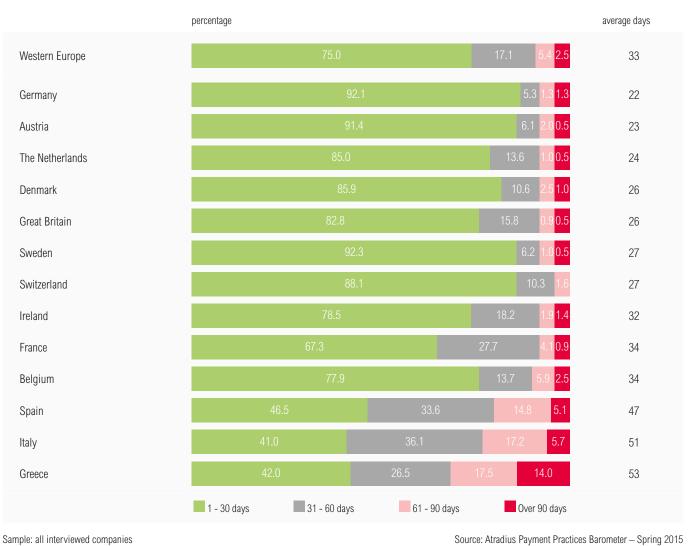
Source: Atradius Payment Practices Barometer – Spring 2015

By industry / by business size

		Industry			Business size	
Western Europe	Manufacturing	Wholesale / Retail / Distribution	Services	Micro-enterprises	SMEs	Large enterprises
Domestic	49.6%	52.7%	40.6%	38.9%	49.6%	45.5%
Foreign	39.4%	39.4%	35.8%	30.0%	40.1%	40.7%

Sample: all interviewed companies

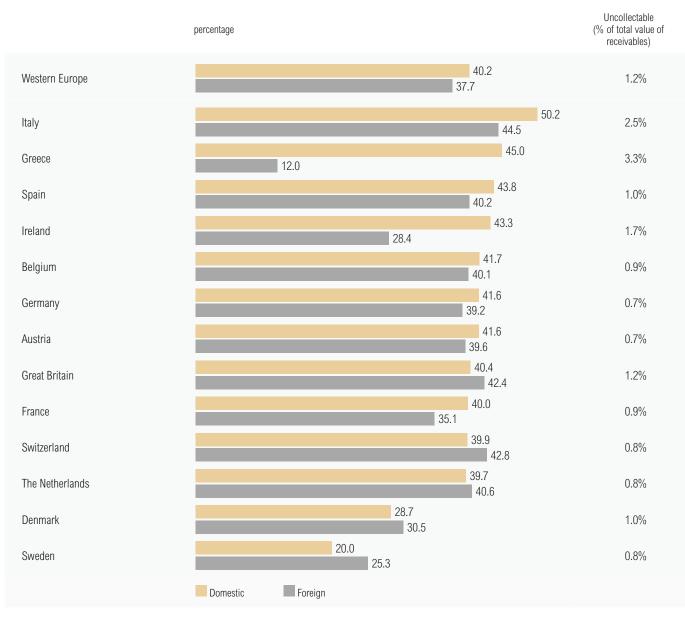
Average payment term recorded in Western Europe (average days – domestic and foreign)



By industry / by business size (average days)

		Industry			Business size	
	Manufacturing	Wholesale / Retail / Distribution	Services	Micro-enterprises	SMEs	Large enterprises
Domestic	39	40	30	29	38	36

Sample: all interviewed companies



Western Europe: proportion of domestic and foreign past due B2B invoices

Sample: all interviewed companies

Source: Atradius Payment Practices Barometer - Spring 2015

By industry / by business size

		Industry		Business size			
	Manufacturing	Wholesale / Retail / Distribution	Services	Micro-enterprises	SMEs	Large enterprises	
Domestic overdue	41.2%	44.7%	37.9%	38.3%	41.7%	37.4%	
Foreign overdue	36.8%	35.0%	34.5%	33.3%	36.5%	32.2%	
Uncollectable (domestic + foreign)	1.1%	1.5%	0.8%	0.5%	1.3%	1.3%	

Sample: all interviewed companies

Western Europe: main reasons for payment delays by domestic B2B customers

	Insufficient availability of funds	Buyer using outstanding debts / invoices as a form of financing	Formal insolvency of the buyer (example: liquidation, receivership, bankruptcy)	Complexity of the payment procedure	Dispute over quality of goods delivered or service provided	Incorrect information on invoice	Inefficiencies of the banking system	Invoice was sent to wrong person	Goods delivered or service provided do not correspond to what was agreed in the contract	Other
Western Europe	51.4%	34.1%	18.5%	16.3%	15.3%	12.2%	11.8%	11.0%	8.7%	5.8%
Belgium	50.3%	34.5%	23.4%	11.1%	21.1%	13.5%	8.2%	12.3%	12.9%	4.1%
Germany	54.6%	48.0%	21.7%	11.6%	18.2%	13.1%	12.6%	9.6%	8.6%	2.5%
Italy	73.0%	21.8%	24.6%	12.3%	8.1%	6.2%	13.7%	9.0%	5.7%	2.4%
The Netherlands	51.0%	36.1%	11.6%	16.1%	17.4%	12.9%	7.1%	11.0%	7.7%	8.4%
France	59.2%	22.5%	30.2%	25.4%	16.0%	11.8%	10.7%	10.7%	14.2%	4.1%
Spain	41.8%	24.9%	26.4%	20.4%	12.4%	11.9%	15.4%	10.5%	10.0%	6.5%
Sweden	39.5%	36.1%	6.8%	19.1%	21.1%	16.3%	11.6%	15.7%	7.5%	9.5%
Denmark	14.0%	48.5%	11.7%	22.8%	17.5%	15.8%	7.6%	20.5%	12.9%	12.3%
Great Britain	43.6%	35.6%	11.2%	21.8%	18.1%	15.4%	14.9%	13.3%	10.6%	2.7%
Ireland	64.7%	31.6%	7.4%	10.5%	12.1%	13.2%	13.7%	6.8%	6.3%	7.4%
Austria	43.5%	54.2%	22.6%	14.3%	25.0%	11.3%	10.1%	10.1%	6.6%	5.4%
Greece	84.3%	20.9%	19.6%	11.8%	2.6%	3.3%	15.0%	2.0%	1.3%	3.9%
Switzerland	44.6%	24.8%	19.1%	20.4%	10.8%	14.0%	10.8%	12.7%	8.3%	7.6%
Industry										
Manufacturing	48.4%	35.2%	18.6%	18.2%	19.4%	13.5%	11.3%	11.9%	9.9%	5.6%
Wholesale / Retail / Distribution	57.8%	37.5%	24.3%	13.5%	17.2%	8.2%	14.5%	12.1%	10.3%	1.6%
Services	51.0%	32.5%	16.7%	16.2%	12.7%	12.7%	11.3%	10.2%	7.5%	7.2%
Business size										
Micro- enterprises	54.0%	35.1%	14.5%	12.7%	10.0%	7.8%	8.9%	6.7%	5.0%	9.5%
SMEs	49.1%	33.6%	20.8%	18.4%	18.5%	14.8%	13.1%	13.4%	10.1%	4.0%
Large enterprises	54.4%	32.5%	20.9%	18.0%	18.5%	14.1%	16.5%	14.1%	14.6%	1.5%

Sample: all interviewed companies (active in domestic markets)

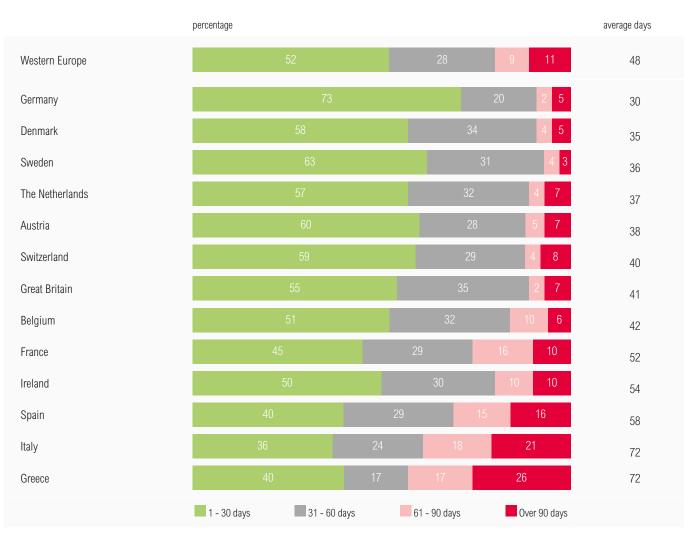
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Western Europe: main reasons for payment delays by foreign B2B customers

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Western Europe	37.1%	29.4%	28.1%	22.2%	17.4%	16.5%	15.1%	13.8%	13.5%	3.1%
Belgium	37.3%	20.3%	23.7%	22.0%	30.5%	18.6%	13.6%	17.0%	15.3%	1.7%
Germany	39.5%	36.1%	31.4%	29.1%	19.8%	19.8%	16.3%	14.0%	15.1%	1.2%
Italy	48.3%	19.8%	25.0%	25.9%	16.4%	10.3%	11.2%	12.9%	11.2%	1.7%
The Netherlands	48.1%	25.3%	29.1%	20.3%	21.5%	12.7%	3.8%	8.9%	10.1%	3.8%
France	27.1%	27.1%	47.1%	17.1%	18.6%	27.1%	22.9%	15.7%	21.4%	0.0%
Spain	33.0%	24.8%	34.9%	25.7%	17.4%	14.7%	13.8%	13.8%	12.8%	1.8%
Sweden	35.7%	42.9%	28.6%	19.1%	9.5%	19.1%	14.3%	9.5%	9.5%	2.4%
Denmark	17.9%	41.1%	31.6%	20.0%	13.7%	12.6%	17.9%	21.1%	9.5%	10.5%
Great Britain	35.1%	26.8%	26.8%	15.5%	17.5%	21.7%	16.5%	17.5%	17.5%	3.1%
Ireland	33.3%	24.2%	16.7%	30.3%	6.1%	12.1%	19.7%	12.1%	10.6%	6.1%
Austria	47.5%	49.2%	17.0%	17.0%	22.0%	23.7%	18.6%	8.5%	11.9%	1.7%
Greece	57.1%	19.1%	19.1%	19.1%	9.5%	0.0%	9.5%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%
Switzerland	40.5%	31.0%	16.7%	23.8%	16.7%	14.3%	19.1%	11.9%	23.8%	0.0%
Industry										
Manufacturing	38.3%	33.0%	30.3%	22.5%	16.7%	13.9%	16.1%	11.1%	13.3%	5.3%
Wholesale / Retail / Distribution	36.4%	27.7%	23.5%	21.2%	19.8%	18.9%	14.3%	11.5%	14.3%	0.9%
Services	36.5%	27.3%	28.9%	22.5%	16.7%	17.2%	14.7%	17.2%	13.2%	2.5%
Business size										
Micro- enterprises	34.9%	33.6%	23.3%	19.2%	15.1%	10.3%	6.9%	11.0%	8.2%	8.2%
SMEs	38.0%	27.2%	28.6%	22.8%	18.6%	18.2%	16.2%	13.6%	15.0%	2.4%
Large enterprises	34.9%	35.7%	31.0%	22.5%	14.0%	14.7%	18.6%	17.8%	11.6%	0.8%

Sample: all interviewed companies (active in domestic markets)

Average DSO recorded in Western Europe



Sample: all interviewed companies

Source: Atradius Payment Practices Barometer - Spring 2015

By industry / by business size

	Industry		Business size			
Manufacturing	Wholesale / Retail / Distribution	Services	Micro-enterprises	SMEs	Large enterprises	
50	55	44	45	50	44	

Sample: all interviewed companies

The greatest challenge to business profitability in 2015 for respondents in Western Europe

	percentage	percentage						
Western Europe	24		20	18	11	8 8	6 5	
Switzerland	31		19	14	9	8 8	8 5	
The Netherlands	29		21	13	11	7 6	7 6	
Italy	29		13	17	11	2 12	5 5	
France	29		17	11	10 8	14	9 3	
Germany	28		19	11	13	8 9	8 6	
Belgium	26		19	19	10	10 5	3 8	
Denmark	24		25	14	11	8 6	5 8	
Sweden	24		33		14 4	4 7 7	7 5	
Austria	24		20	24	8	10	3 8 4	
Spain	22		21	19	13	5 7	85	
Great Britain	16	20		29	11	7 6	5 5	
Greece	16	18	21		20	10	10 4 3	
Ireland	16	20		28	10	11	6 4 5	
Cost Falling dema containment for products services		Collection of outstanding invoices	Bank len restrictio		ables c	Poor view of customer's portfolio risk	Increase in disputed invoices	

Sample: all interviewed companies (active in domestic and foreign markets)

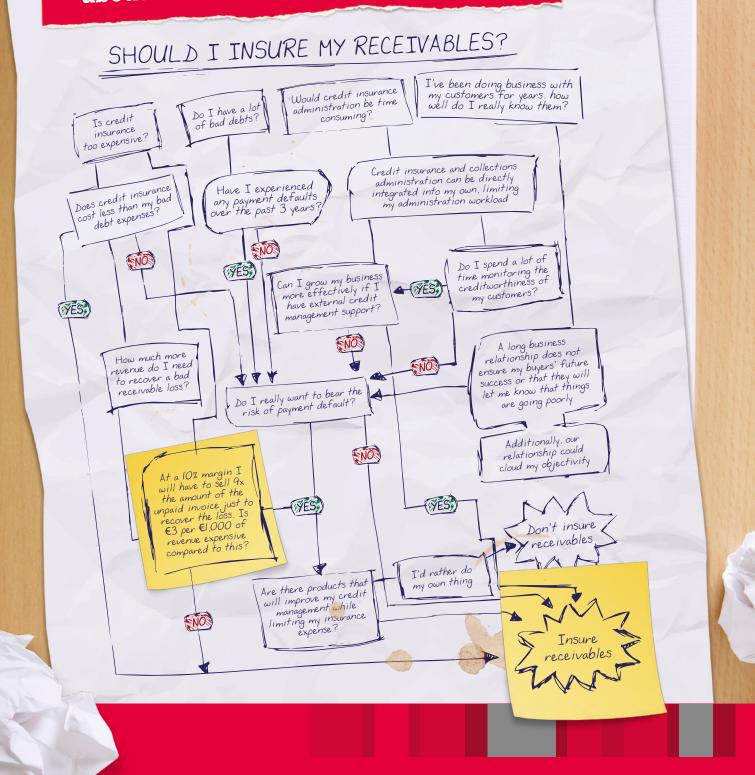
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		Industry		Business size			
	Manufacturing	Wholesale / Retail / Distribution	Services	Micro-enterprises	SMEs	Large enterprises	
Cost containment	28.1%	24.1%	22.2%	20.6%	25.7%	30.2%	
Falling demand for your products and services	18.0%	16.4%	22.6%	26.5%	16.3%	15.9%	
Maintaining adequate cash flow	18.7%	18.3%	17.5%	19.6%	18.0%	10.7%	
Collection of outstanding invoices	8.2%	11.6%	11.7%	10.9%	10.7%	10.7%	
Bank lending restrictions	9.1%	9.0%	7.4%	8.1%	8.0%	8.7%	
Efficiency in receivables management	7.3%	8.3%	7.6%	4.8%	9.6%	9.1%	
Poor view of customer's portfolio risk	5.1%	5.6%	6.5%	5.0%	6.6%	6.8%	
Increase in disputed invoices	5.5%	6.7%	4.5%	4.6%	5.1%	7.9%	

Sample: all interviewed companies

Don't overcomplicate your decision about whether to use credit insurance



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