

Focus on retail and distribution services

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Key facts:

- In 2013, an estimated 32.4 million people across the EU-28 worked in the retail and distribution industries.
- After suffering a sharp decline in employment during the financial crisis of 2008, the industry has enjoyed robust growth amid widespread economic difficulties. Employment in retail and distribution services is forecast to grow by 6.2% from 2013 to 2025, nearly double the rate for all sectors.
- While France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom, dominate the western European market, eastern European retail sectors are experiencing rapid growth.
- Businesses in the retail and distribution sector increasingly require a combination of advanced ICT expertise and effective communicators to succeed in a globalised and highly competitive marketplace.

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