



# Trade and Competitiveness Monitoring Note



## Argentina

GDP (US\$	Population	Income per	Poverty rate	Unemployment
billions) (2016)	(millions)	capita (current	(2013)	rate (2014)
	(2016)	US\$) (2016)		
564.8	43.8	12,880.6	1.8	8.2

## **Macro Indicators**

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
GDP growth (annual %)	4.463	0.802	2.885	0.465	0.614	1.191
Current account balance	1.953	-0.188	-0.749	-0.926	-1.500	-1.173
Fiscal balance (% of GDP)	-0.409	-2.359	-1.997	-2.764	-5.311	-1.884
Remittances, received (% of GDP) [1]	0.175	0.095	0.087	0.093		
Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)	108.013	107.617	104.211	89.617	107.976	100.396

## **Investment indicators**

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Gross domestic investment (% GDP)	17.9	21.0	21.0	19.8	19.7	20.2
Gross domestic investment, of w: Private investment (% GDP) [1]	19.1	17.0	18.5	19.5	_	_
Inward FDI (% of GDP) [2]	1.9	2.5	1.8	1.2	_	_
Inward FDI, % of private investment [2]	11.8	11.7	NA	_	_	_



### Trade Indicators

Trade Indicators	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	37.6	39.7	38.7	34.5	31.3	33.1
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	3.6	-3.4	-4.7	-3.3	-3.4	-3.6
Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	5.2	-5.6	-4.0	-7.7	-10.0	7.0
Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	10.4	-6.1	3.6	-12.6	-7.5	7.0
Total reserves in months of imports [1]	7.4	5.3	3.6	4.0	_	_

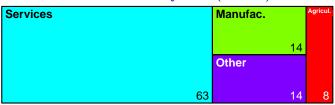


Sources: MFM note, [1] World Development Indicators (WDI), [2] UNCTADSTAT, [3] World Economic Outlook (WEO)

Goods Export and Import volume growth, 2012-2015

Data not available

Gross Value Added by Economic Activity 2013 (% GDP)



Source: Development Prospects Group (DECPG)

Source: World Development Indicators (WDI)

Top 5 Exports by % of Total Value, 2014

Oil-cake and other solid residues (		Motor vehicles	Soya beans	Other maize, unmilled
		for the		5 Soya bean oil and
		transport of		its fractions
	17	6	6	5

Imports Categories by % of Total Value, 2014

Capital goods		Consumer goods	Intermediate goods	
	37	36	23	4

Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

Doing Business 2015 Ranks (among all countries)

	DB 2015 Rank	DB 2016 Rank	Change in Rank
Dealing with Construction Permits	176	173	3
Ease of Doing Business Rank	117	121	-4
Enforcing Contracts	38	38	0
Getting Credit	71	79	-8
Getting Electricity	79	85	-6
Paying Taxes	169	170	-1
Protecting Minority Investors	46	49	-3
Registering Property	115	116	-1
Resolving Insolvency	79	95	-16
Starting a Business	147	157	-10
Trading Across Borders	143	143	0

Source: Doing Busines Report 2015

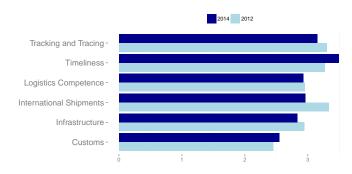
## WEF Competitiveness Indicators

(Scale 1-5, 5=best)

# Health and primary educat. Labor mrkt efficiency. Technol. Readiness Macroec. environment 3: Fin. mrkt development 2: Institutions Business sophist. Goods mrkt efficiency Higher educat. and training + Argentina Innovation Market size Lat. America & Carib. Infrastructure

Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

# Logistics Performance Index (Scale 1-5, 5=best)



Source: Logistics Performance Index (World Bank)

# World Governance indicators (Std. score, High=best)



Source: Worldwide Governance Indicators

## **Trade Policy**

	2010	2014
Applied Tariff (Incl. Prefers. and Trade-Weighted)	11.5	12.6
Binding $(\%)$	100	100
Dispersion (Standard Deviation)	11.3	8.7
Import duties collected [1]		_
MFN Tariff (Agriculture)	10.3	10.9
MFN Tariff (Non-Agriculture)	13.3	14.4
MFN Tariff (Simple Average)	12.8	13.9
Services sectors with GATS commitments [1]	_	63

Sources: WITS, [1] WTO Trade Profiles

## Private Sector's Views

## **Enterprise Survey 2013**

	Latin America and Caribbean	Argentina	All Countries
Number of electrical outages in a typical month	2.80	1.90	6.30
Percent of firms with a bank loan/line of credit	45.80	49.30	34.30
Proportion of investment financed by banks (%)	19.90	13.90	14.30
Proportion of investment financed internally (%)	62.90	63.20	71.80
Senior management time spent dealing with the requirements of government regulation (%)	14.00	20.80	9.90

Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

Top 5 constraints according to ES 2013 (% respondants)



Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

Top 5 constraints according to WEF 2015 survey (% respondants among 88 executives)



Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

