ECONOMICALLY, ENLARGEMENT HAS BENEFITTED ALL EU MEMBER STATES

Enlargement has broken down trade barriers in Europe, creating a bigger, more integrated and more prosperous internal market.

Exports within EU
Goods exports within the EU were valued at €2.8 trillion in 2012, 1.7 times as high as the value of goods exported outside the EU.

Example:
German exports to the EU12 have almost doubled since 2004, totalling €124.5 billion in 2013.

Foreign Direct Investment
The value of foreign direct investment held by the EU15 in the EU12 reached €564 billion in 2012, a 357% increase on 2007 levels.

GDP per capita
GDP per capita in the EU12 rose from 40% of the EU15 average in 1999 to 60% of the EU15 average in 2012.