The 2023 Scoreboard comprises the top 2500 R&D investors in the world. Based in 42 countries, they invested a record amount of €1249.7 billion, approximately 86% of the world's business-funded R&D.

ICT producers sector invests the largest sum and ICT services is the fastest growing. Health concentrates the largest number of firms, while the number of automotive firms remained stable.

EU firms investment growth doubled from 6% to 13.6% in 2022, surpassing that of US firms (12.7%) for the first time since 2015.

There are 17 EU countries hosting world top 2500 investors, including four EU-13 countries, namely Poland, Slovenia, Hungary and Malta.