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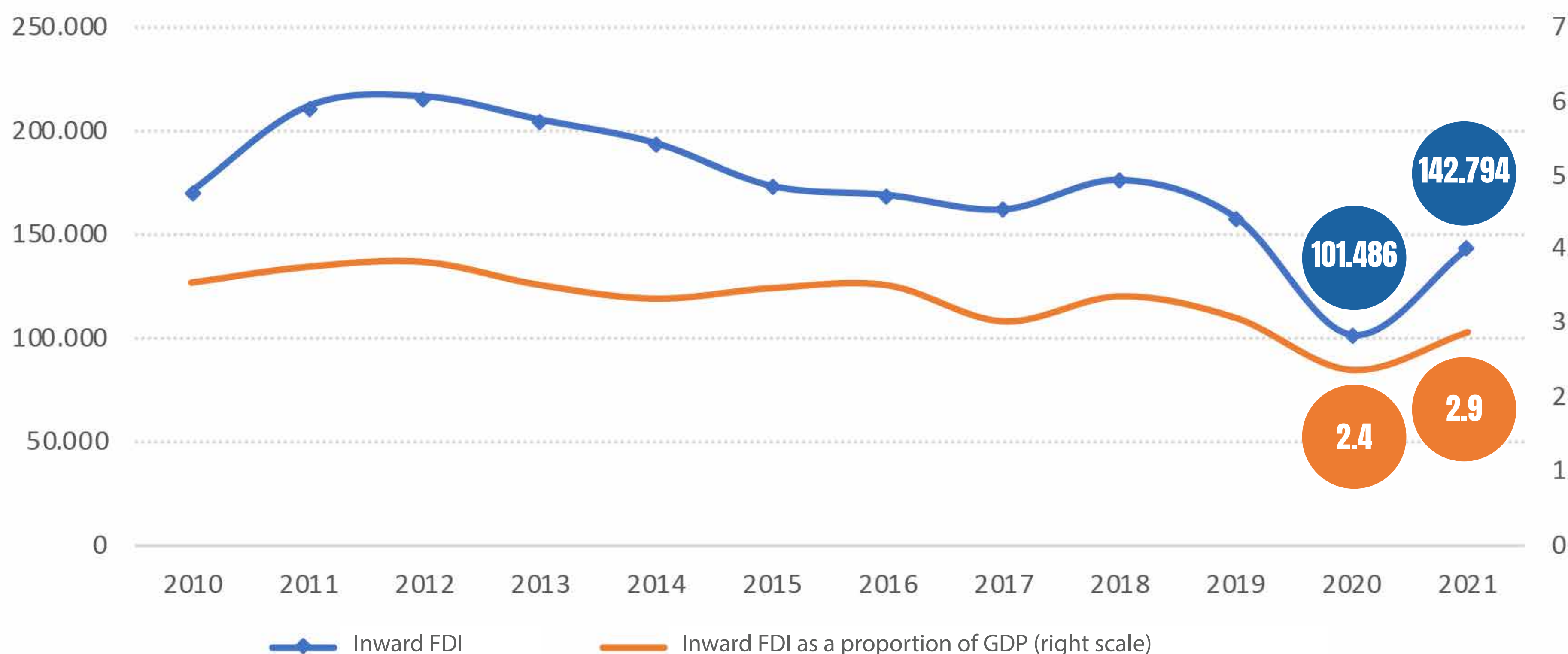
increase over 2020

**143** billions  
of dollars in 2021**58%** went to the  
services sector**23%** went to  
manufacturing**19%** went to  
natural resources

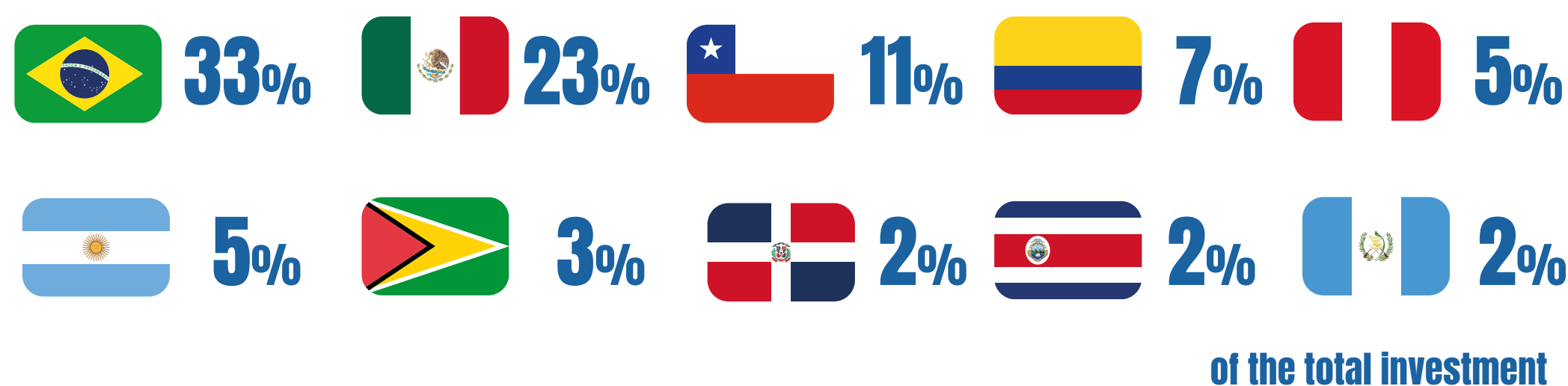
## Foreign Direct Investment inflows to Latin America and the Caribbean rebounded in 2021 after dropping sharply the previous year

### Latin America and the Caribbean: inward foreign direct investment, 2010-2021

(Billions of dollars and percentages of GDP)



### The countries receiving most investment



The main sources of investment in Latin America and the Caribbean were the European Union and the United States, accounting for 36% and 34%.





Between 2005 and 2021, cross-border mergers and acquisitions of target companies in the pharmaceutical sector in Latin America and the Caribbean totaled US\$ 16,633 billion.

The pharmaceutical industry is strategic for the development of Latin America and the Caribbean.

9.7%

Sales of pharmaceutical products in Latin America will increase 9.7 between 2005 and 2026

0.4%

is the importance of the pharmaceutical industry in the region's GDP

383

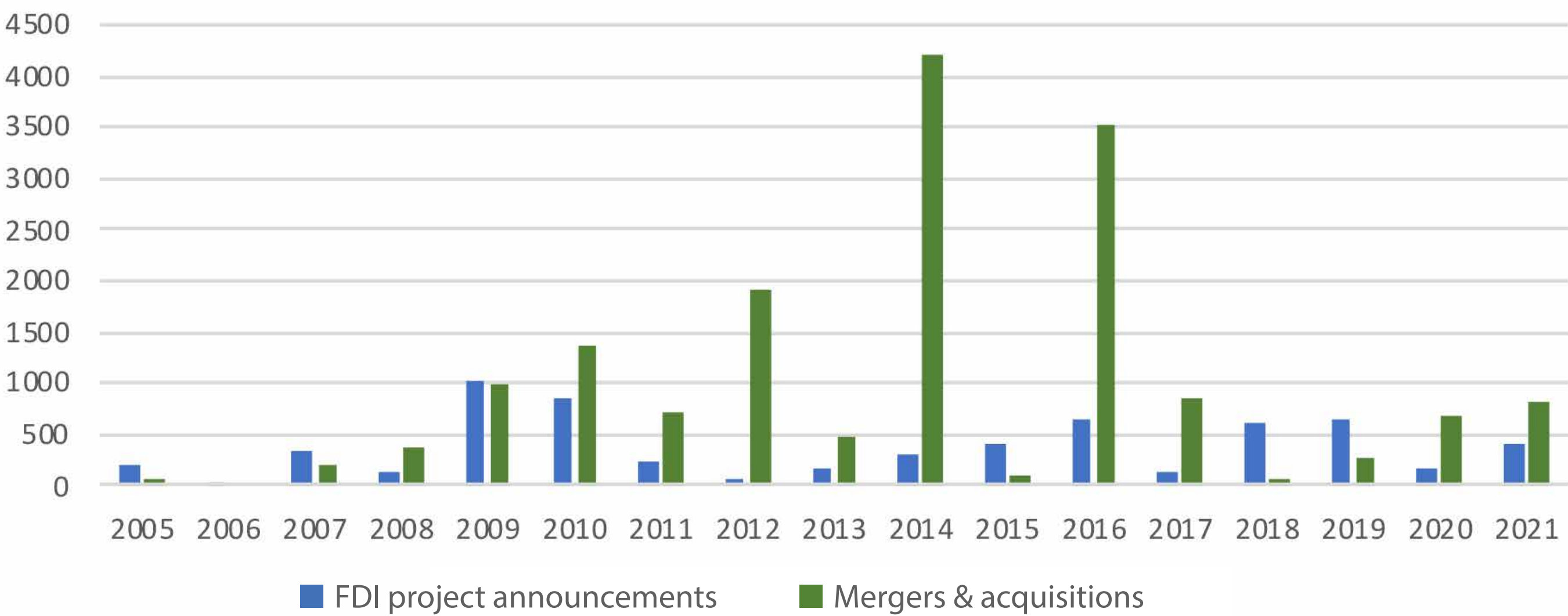
molecule patents to expire by 2026

70%

of new products are developed in the USA and in Europe

However, the region has not been a strategic destination for the sector's investments

America Latina and the Caribbean:  
cross-border mergers and acquisitions and FDI project announcements, 2005-2021  
(millions of dollars)



0.6% of FDI project announcements in the region

2.2% of cross-border mergers and acquisitions in the region

Priority areas for development of the pharmaceutical industry in the region

Strengthening of the capabilities in the generic, biosimilars and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient segments

Development of spaces and standards for clinical trials and R&D

Fostering of local suppliers and specialized companies to provide services to Latin American transnationals



The transformation of the automotive sector represents an opportunity to promote FDI in Latin America and the Caribbean



The number of light electric vehicles on the world's roads already exceeds

16.5 million

There are currently around

670,000

electric buses in circulation worldwide

In April 2022, there were


2,162

electric public transport buses in circulation in Latin American cities

99%

of imports originate in China

Bogotá and Santiago de Chile have the largest fleet of electric buses in the region

 1,165 units

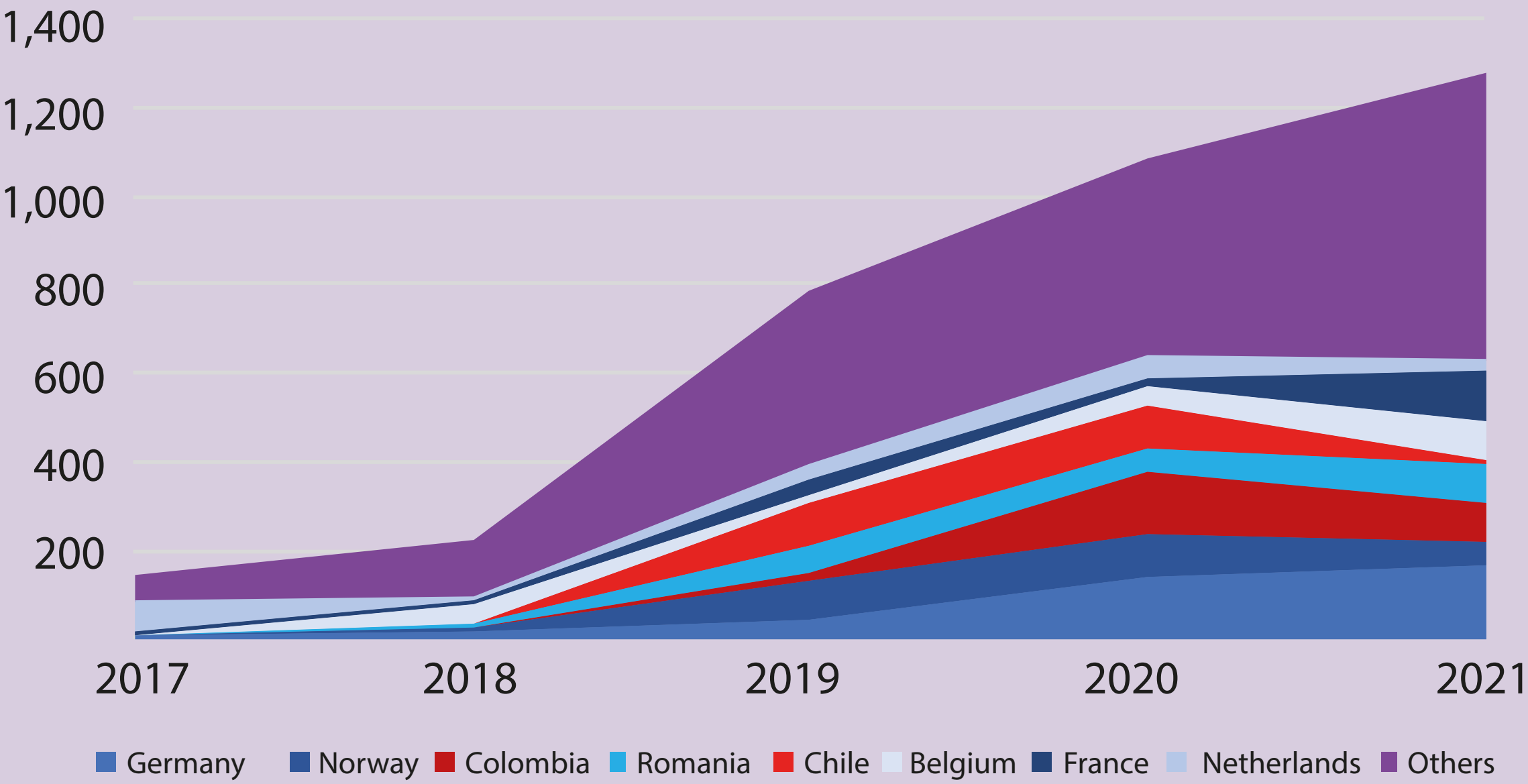
 789 units

 49 units

 48 units

The region is advancing with imports and without strengthening

Imports of electric buses by country destination (Millions of dollars)



Three key areas for attracting and mobilising investment

- 1

Progress with mechanisms to stimulate demand through regulations and planning and articulation
- 2

Promoting the strengthening of supply by creating a market that ensures predictability and scale, subsidies and incentives
- 3

Linking complementary policies the development of renewable energies, sustainable production processes, and the continuous training of qualified workers