Recent evidence on FDI, Total Investment and the role of some determinants in Colombia

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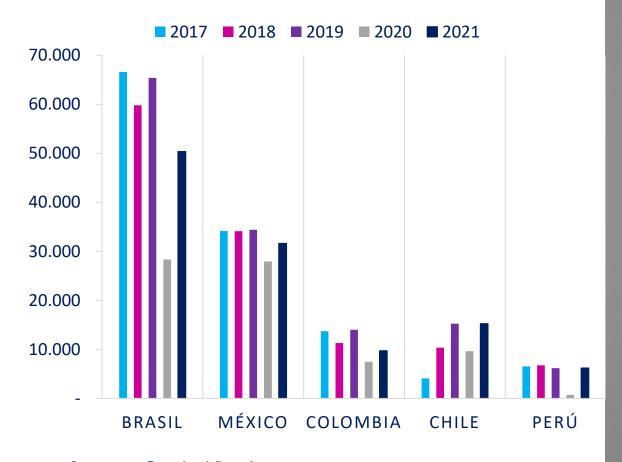
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► FDI in the Region (LAC and Caribbean)

- The 5 larger economies explain jointly ≈ 85% of the regional-FDI (which is 8% of Global FDI) The inflows amounts are lower w.r.t. those received in the pre-pandemic period.
- ► In terms of the GDP, the FDI inflows represents between 2% and 4% in these economies
- ► The harder tax competition into the region is presented in-between these countries, in addition to Argentina

FDI Inflows 5-LAC (Billions of US\$)

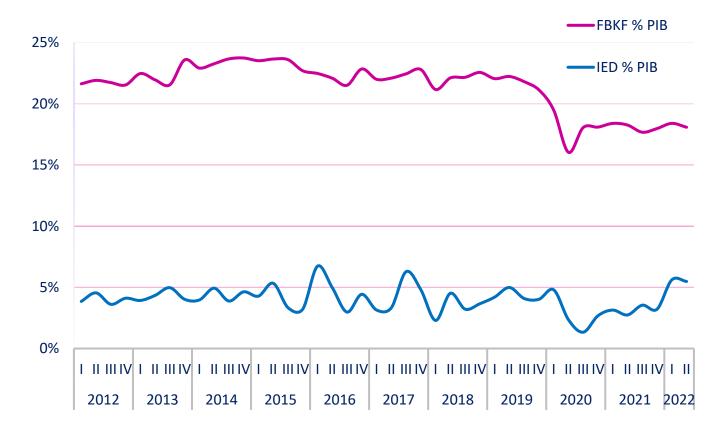


Source: Central Banks

▶ Importance of FDI in total investment in Colombia

Total Investment and FDI- Inflows in Colombia (% GDP)

- ► FDI in Colombia has fluctuated between 4% and 5% of GDP in the last decade.
- ► It explains between 20% and 25% the country's total investment

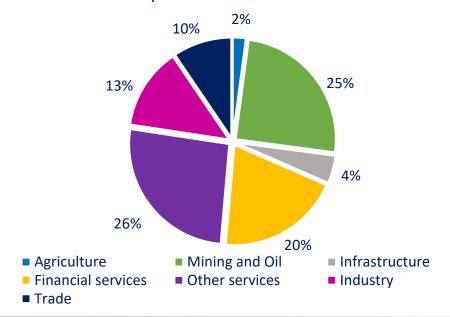


Fuente: DANE y Banco de la República

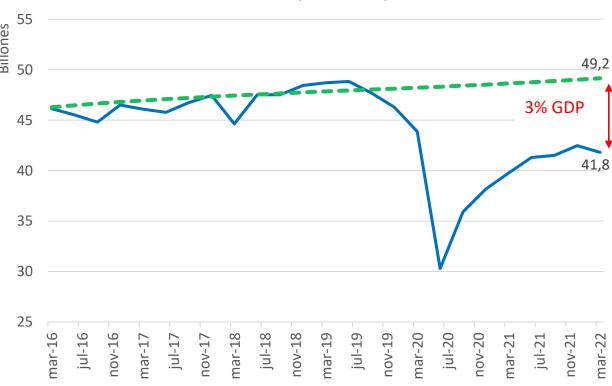


▶ Despite the FDI recovery in 2021, especially to Oil-Mining and Financial Sectors, the Colombia's investment continues to register negative gaps.

FDI Inflows by Sector in Colombia: 2016-2020



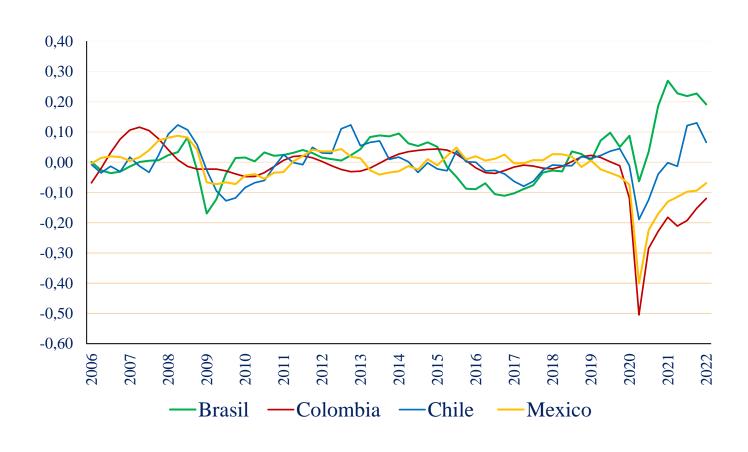
Current Total Investment and Its Long-Term Trend in Colombia (HP-Filter)



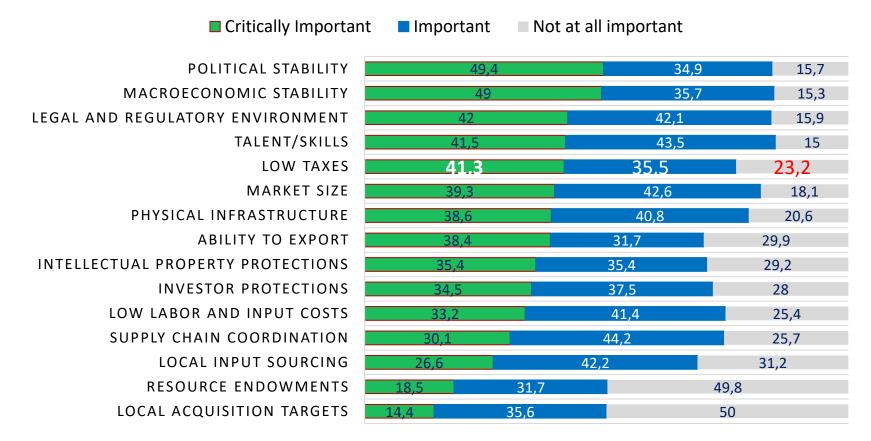
Source: DEPE-SGEE-BR with data from DANE



- ▶ Some LAC recovered their levels of L.R. investment.
 - ▶ Brazil and Chile, recovered their investment levels (levels are above their L.R. trends).
 - ► Colombia and Mexico have not yet recovered their investment levels registered before the pandemic.
 - ➤ Currently, the negative gap for Colombia is the largest



Source: DEPE-SGEE-BR with FMI Data



Source: WB -Global Investment Competitiveness Report 2019. Survey to 2,500 MNEs in 10 middle-income countries

► The tax burden is important in FDI decisions, but could be a "second order factor", according to WIR-2022 (Chap II)



► In the region, currently effective tax rates are not so different than statutory (except Chile)

Statutory and Effective Corporate Tax Rates, 2021

	Colombia	Chile	México	Perú	Brazil
Statutory Income Tax	31%	25% */	30%	30%	34%
Effective Income Taxes 1/	29,7%	11,7%	27,9%	29,2%	27,3%

1/ Source: U.S. Department of the Treasury (Colombia, Chile y México) and OECD (Peru y Brazil, 2020)

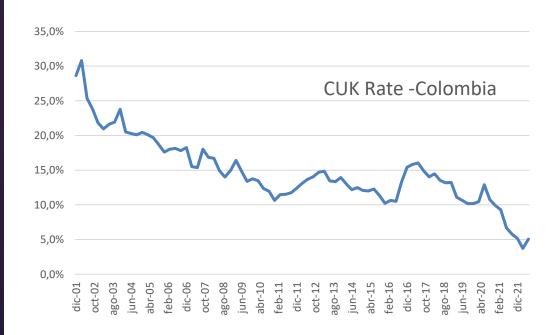
► In Colombia, there are important and costly benefits on corporate income taxes as mechanisms of tax competition

Colombia: Fiscal Cost by Benefits to Corporate Income Taxes (COP \$Billions)

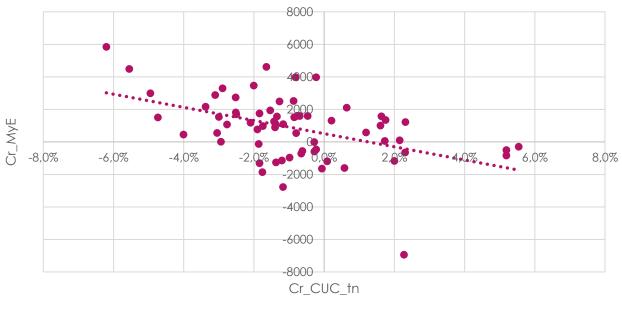
Items	2020	2021
Exemptions	4,18	6,74
Discounts	4,55	6,57
Fixed Assets Deductions	0,7	1,2
Reduced tax rates	1,0	1,5
Total Tax Benefits	10,5	16,0
Total Tax Benefits (% GDP)	1,0%	1,4%

➤ Taxes are part of the Cost of Use of Capital (CUK), which is one of the most important factor be considered in investment decision. The CUK in Colombia has been declining

$$CUK = \underbrace{\frac{IPP_{K \, Goods}}{IPP_{Total}}}_{Relative \, prices \, of \, K} \underbrace{\frac{\left(1 + \tau^{iva} - \theta\right)}{\left(1 - \tau^r - \gamma \tau^{ica}\right)}}_{Real \, Interest \, Rates} \underbrace{\frac{\left(r + \delta - \Delta IPC_t\right)}{\left(1 - \tau^r - \gamma \tau^{ica}\right)}}_{Real \, Interest \, Rates}$$



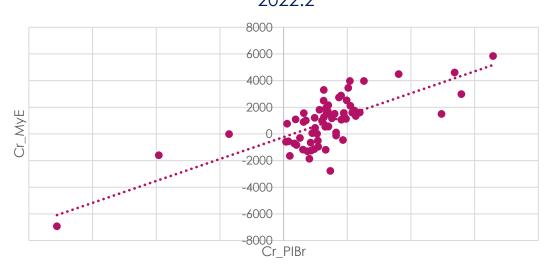
Non-conditional correlation between Investment and CUK –Annual variations: 2006:1 2022:2



Source: SGEE-SGIEPM-BR

- ➤ Other crucial factors to Invest 'decision (including FDI) are macro stability, market size, infrastructure, human capital, etc.
- ➤ Some of them are captured indirectly by economic activity (GDP) and total factor productivity (TFP). Its correlation with Investment is positive in Colombia

Non-conditional correlation between Investment and GDP –Annual variations: 2006:1 2022:2



Non-conditional correlation between Investment and TFP –Annual variations: 2006:1 2022:2



Source: DEPE-SGEE-BR

► Assessment these factors on the investment behavior in Colombia: 2002.01-2019.04 (FM-OLS). Elasticities

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Cost of Use of Capital	- <mark>0.175***</mark> (0.0527)	- <mark>0.185***</mark> (0.0343)	- <mark>0.140***</mark> (0.0226)	-0.133*** (0.0110)
Economic activity (GDP)	1.695*** (0.0601)	2.135*** (0.144)	2.235*** (0.0939)	1.888*** (0.0476)
Total factor productivity	4.211*** (0.370)	4.627*** (0.297)	3.591*** (0.219)	2.036*** (0.123)
Opportunity Cost		-0.917***	-0.371***	-0.253***
Real Exchange Rate		(0.176)	(0.128) -0.323*** (0.0335)	(0.0629) -0.370*** (0.0165)
Trade Openness			(0.000)	0.557*** (0.0215)
Constant	-30.23*** (2.243)	-29.99*** (3.318)	-28.11*** (2.148)	-20.41*** (1.089)
Observations	59	59	59	59
R-2	0.920	0.947	0.969	0.973
*** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1				