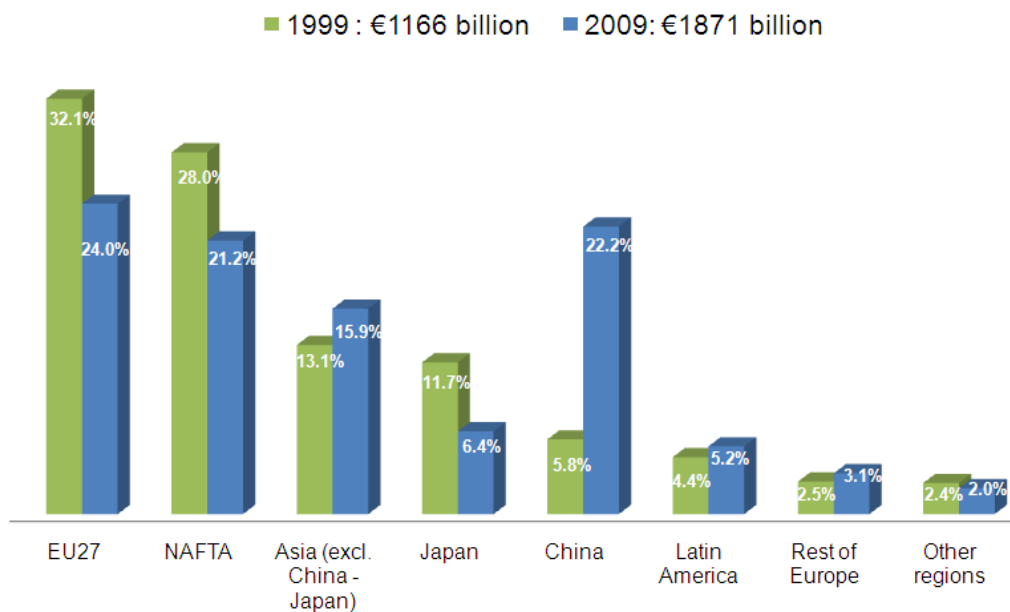


## Chemical Industry Profile

### World chemicals sales by region



Source: Cefic Chemdata International

Developments during the previous 10 years from 1999 to 2009 indicate that the European Union was the clear leader in terms of world chemicals sales, but the region has gradually lost ground to Asia (excluding Japan). Comparing 2009 to 1999, the EU contribution to world chemical sales declined by 8.1 percentage points. In fact, the total value of sales in Europe has been growing continuously, but overall world chemical sales are growing at an even faster clip. The value of world chemicals sales increased by 60 per cent in 2009 compared with 1999.