

**Table 2. Frequency distribution showing the number of firms active in a given number of manufacturing and service sectors (product diversification)**

Firms																			
N. of sectors	1978						1987						1993						
	EU		US		J		EU		US		J		EU		US		J		
1	8	22,86	16	45,71	11	31,43	10	28,57	18	51,43	7	20,00	15	48,39	10	32,26	6	19,35	
2	24	37,50	24	37,50	16	25,00	24	31,17	34	44,16	19	24,68	27	41,54	25	38,46	13	20,00	
3	18	31,03	24	41,38	16	27,59	19	32,20	23	38,98	17	28,81	32	41,56	26	33,77	19	24,68	
4	17	36,96	21	45,65	8	17,39	12	35,29	17	50,00	5	14,71			33	76,74	10	23,26	
5	9	31,03	19	65,52	1	3,45	8	47,06	7	41,18	2	11,76	6	40,00	7	46,67	2	13,33	
6	5	83,33	1	16,67			7	63,64	3	27,27	1	9,09			3	60,00	2	40,00	
7	2	50,00	1	25,00	1	25,00	3	42,86	3	42,86	1	14,29	2	100,00					
8	2	100,00					2	40,00	2	40,00	1	20,00	2	28,57	4	57,14	1	14,29	
9	1	50,00	1	50,00			1	50,00	1	50,00			1	50,00	1	50,00			
10			1	100,00					1	100,00			1	100,00					
11			1	100,00															
TOT	86	34,68	109	43,95	53	21,37	86	34,68	109	43,95	53	21,37	86	34,68	109	43,95	53	21,37	
statistical properties																			
median	8	37,5	8,5	45,6832	9,5	25	8	40	5	43,506	3,5	17,353	4	44,973	8,5	48,33	6	20	
curtosis coefficient	-0,894	0,604	-2,289	-0,087	-2,037	2,099	-0,073	0,689	0,002	6,801	-0,417	-0,766	-0,672	-0,231	-1,587	0,022	-0,520	2,819	