



European Commission

EUROPEAN SMEs

according to the Annual Report on European SMEs 2017/2018

1 SMEs AS THE BACKBONE OF EUROPEAN ECONOMY

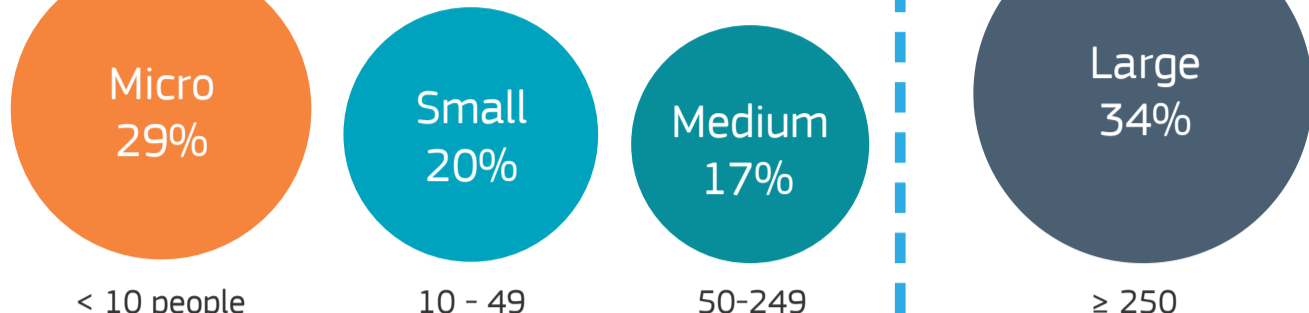


SMEs EMPLOY 2 OUT OF EVERY 3 EMPLOYEES AND PRODUCE 57 CENTS OF EVERY EURO OF VALUE ADDED¹



9 OUT OF 10 EU SMEs ARE MICROS (less than 10 employees)

EMPLOYMENT SHARE PER SIZE CLASS



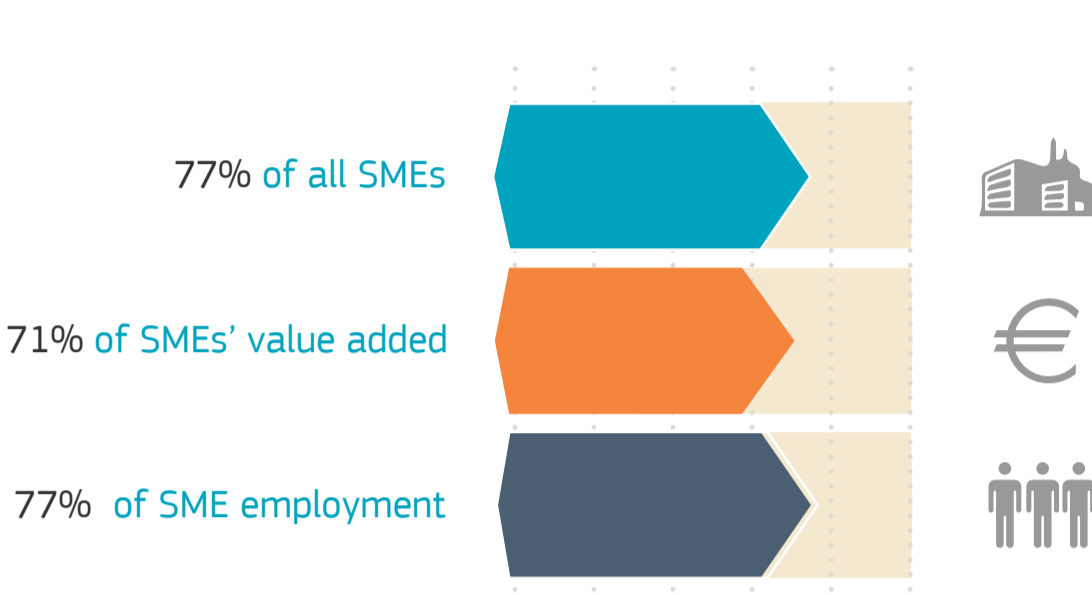
< 10 people

10 - 49

50-249

≥ 250

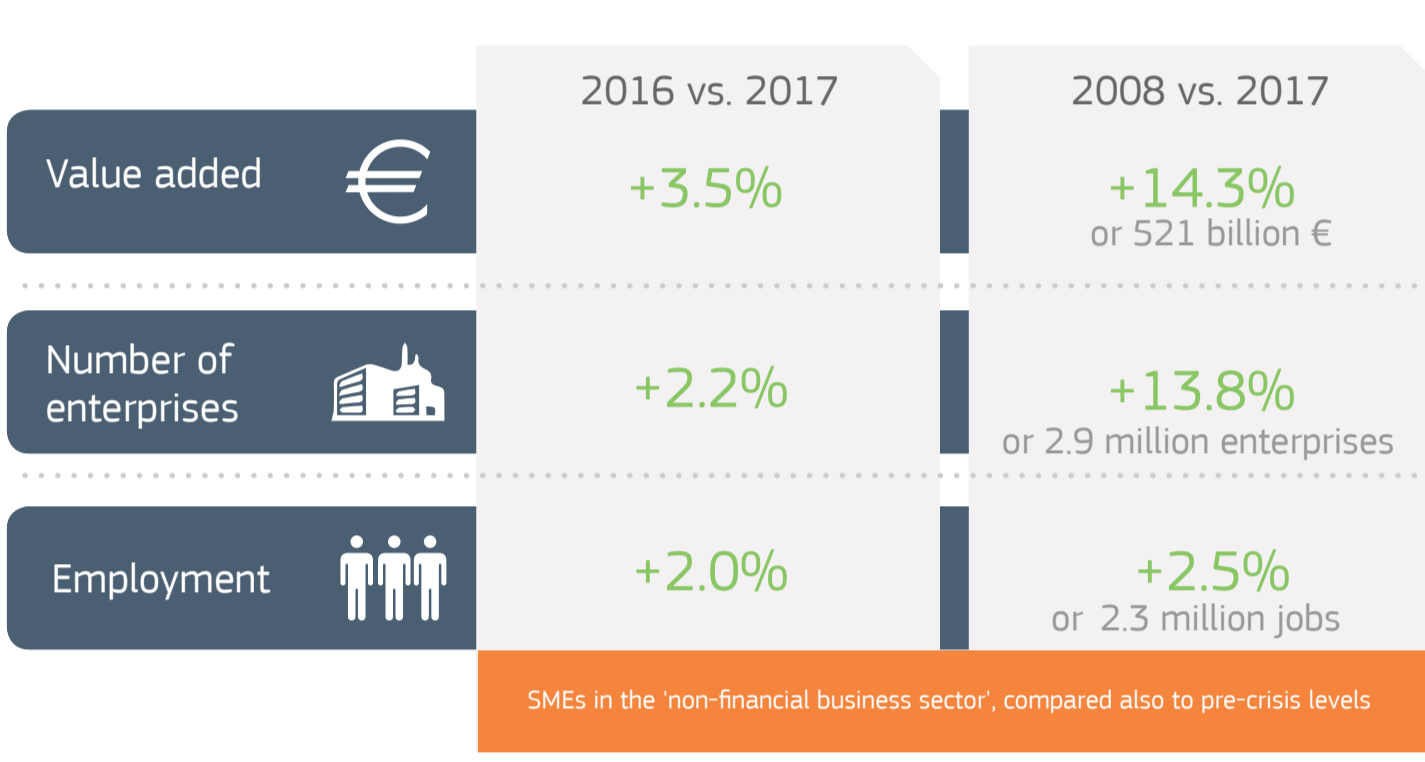
5 KEY SECTORS² ACCOUNT IN 2017 FOR :



¹ Value added = net contribution of the company to the economy

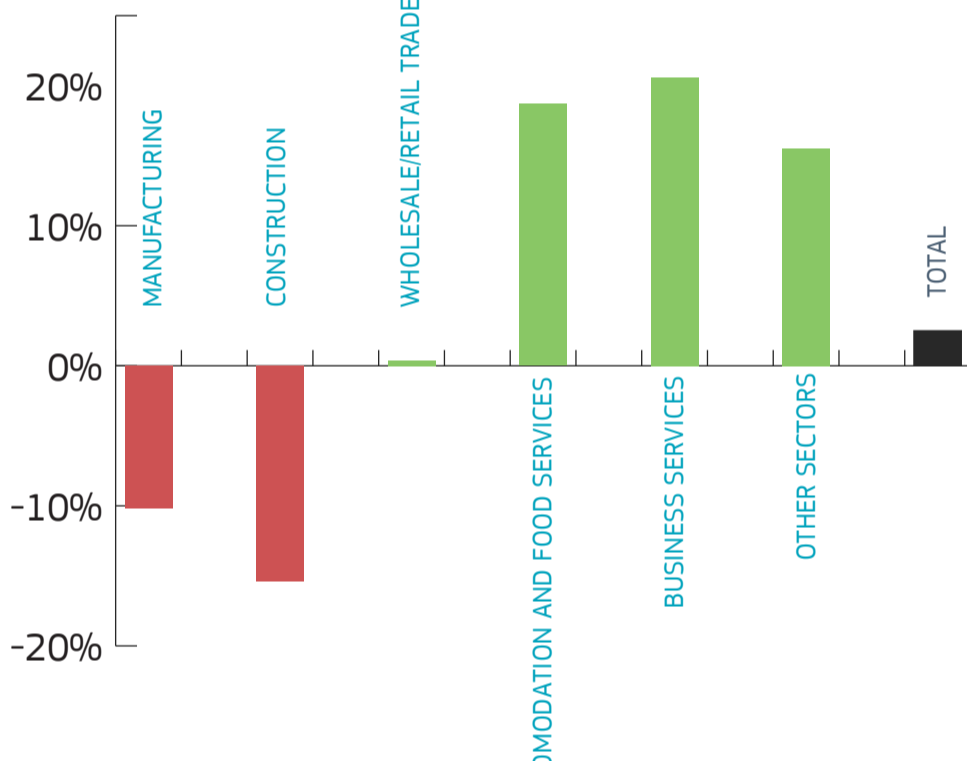
² Manufacturing, construction, business services, accommodation and food, wholesale and retail trade

2 SMES' STRONG RECOVERY CONTINUES

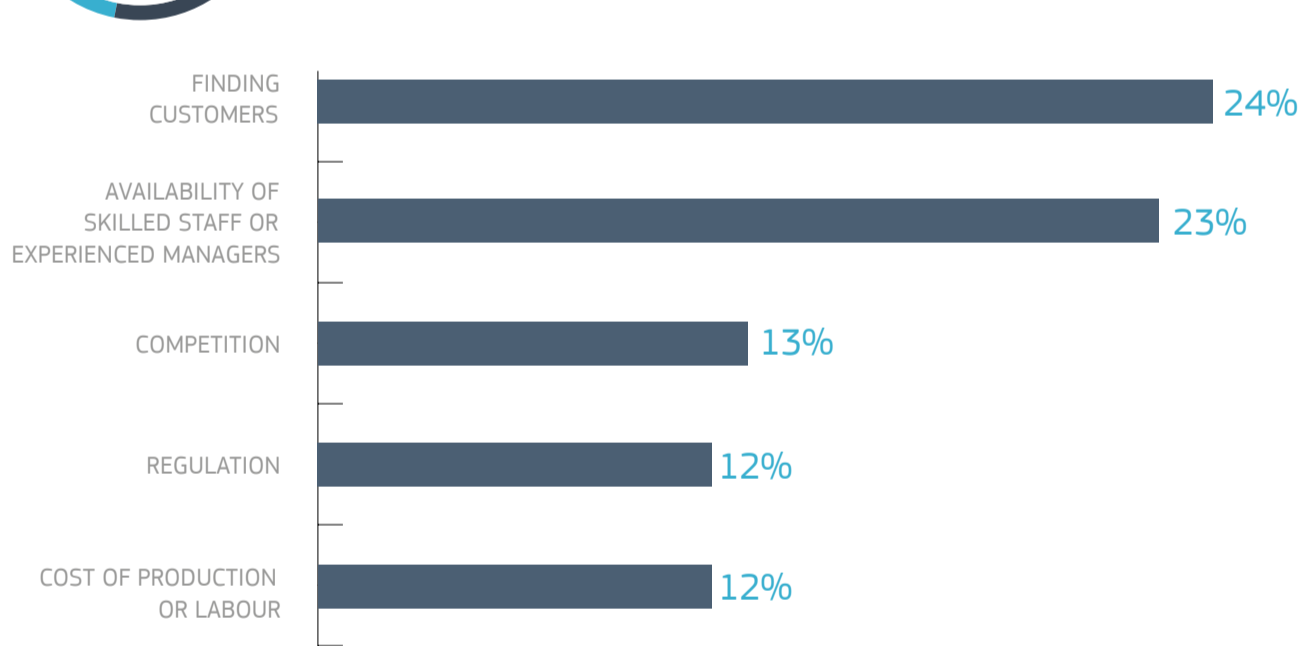


FULL RECOVERY IN ALL SECTORS, ONLY CONSTRUCTION AND MANUFACTURING STILL LAG BEHIND

Employment growth in SMEs by sector (2008 – 2017)



EU-28 SMEs' most pressing problems in 2017



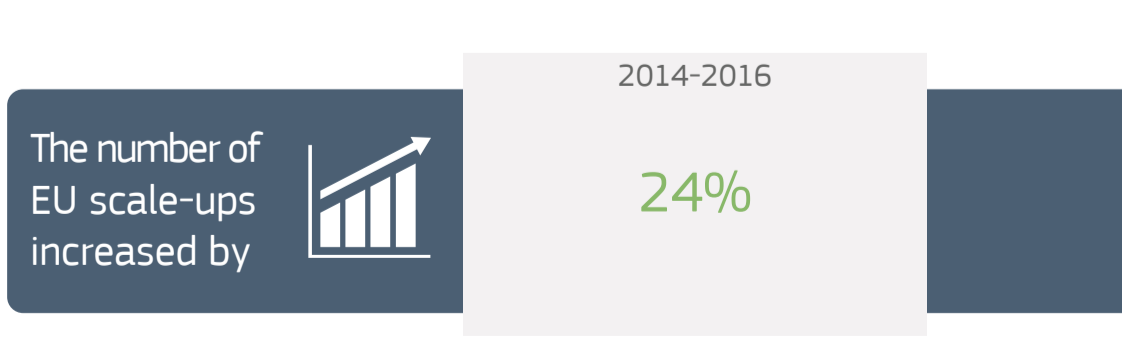
Source: 2017 Safe Survey

GRADE OF SME RECOVERY AFTER THE CRISIS BY EU MEMBER STATE

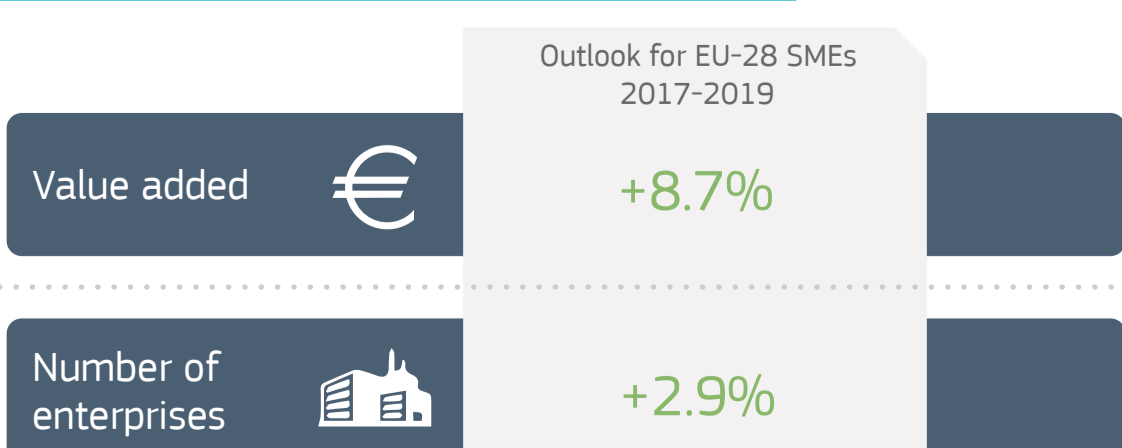


- Positive value added and employment ratio in SMEs 2008-2017
- Positive value added but negative employment ratio in SMEs 2008-2017
- Negative value added and negative employment ratio in SMEs 2008-2017
- Due to structural break, relevant period for the Slovak Republic is 2010-2017

3 SCALE-UPS BENEFIT FROM ECONOMIC UPSWING



4 BRIGHT SME FUTURE EXPECTED



SMEs in the 'non-financial business sector'