



European Commission

EUROPEAN SMEs

according to the Annual Report on European SMEs 2016/2017

1 SMEs AS THE BACKBONE OF EUROPEAN ECONOMY

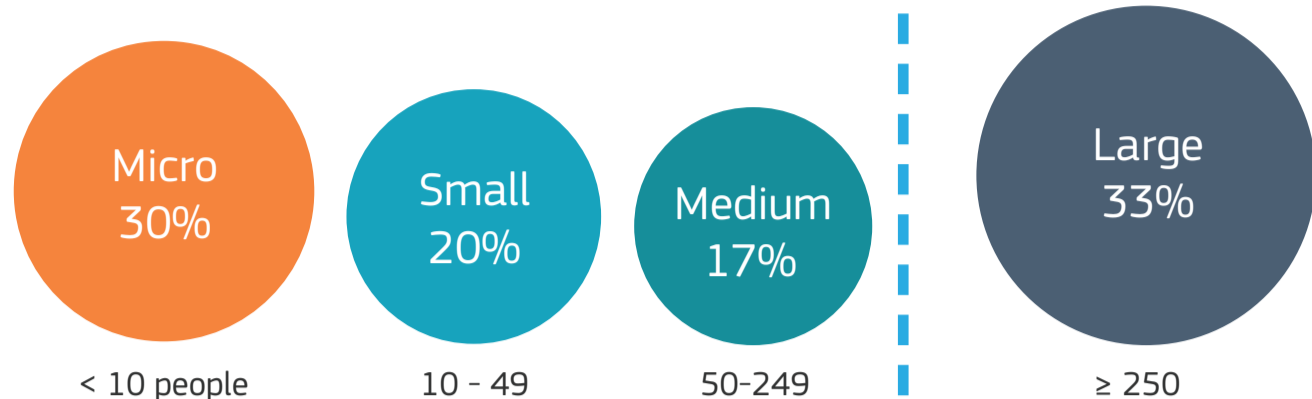


SMEs EMPLOY 2 OUT OF EVERY 3 EMPLOYEES AND PRODUCE 57 CENTS OF EVERY EURO OF VALUE ADDED¹



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

EMPLOYMENT SHARE PER SIZE CLASS



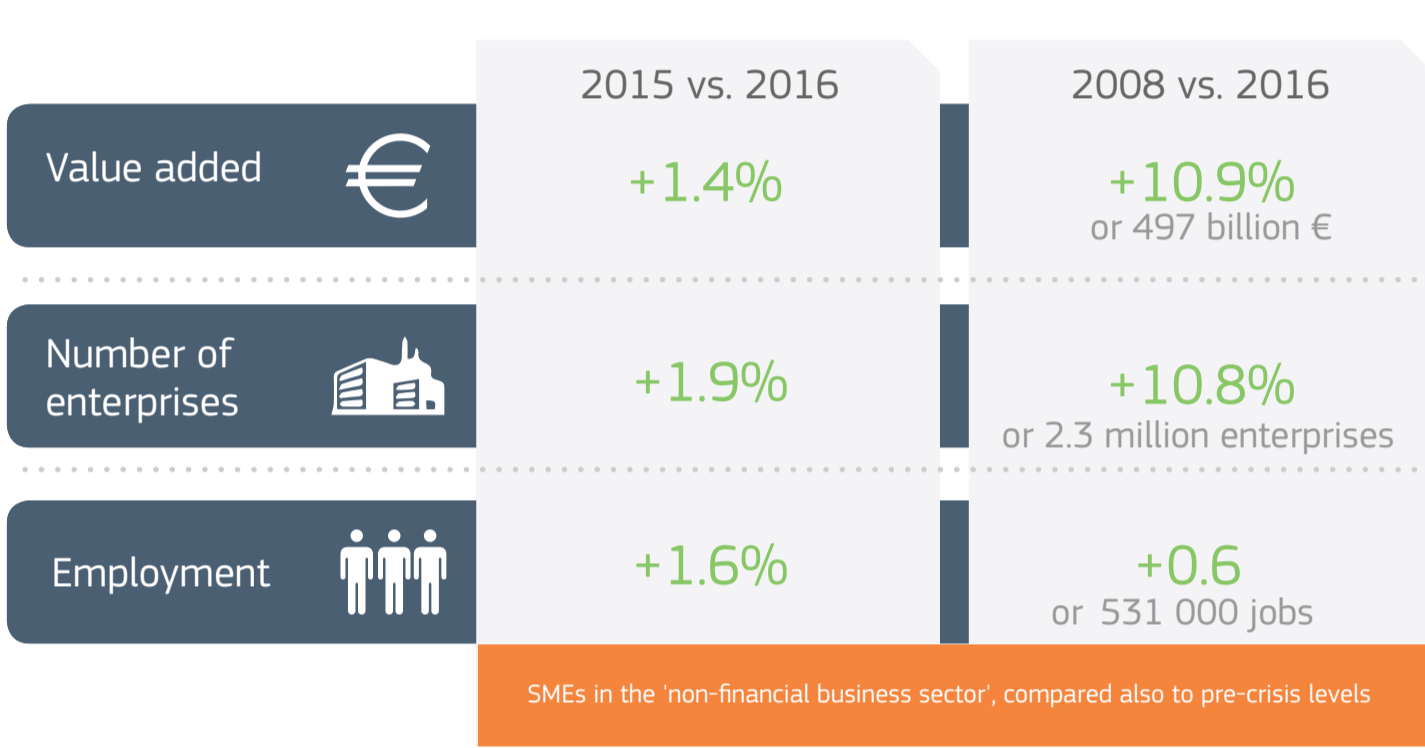
5 KEY SECTORS² ACCOUNT IN 2016 FOR :



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

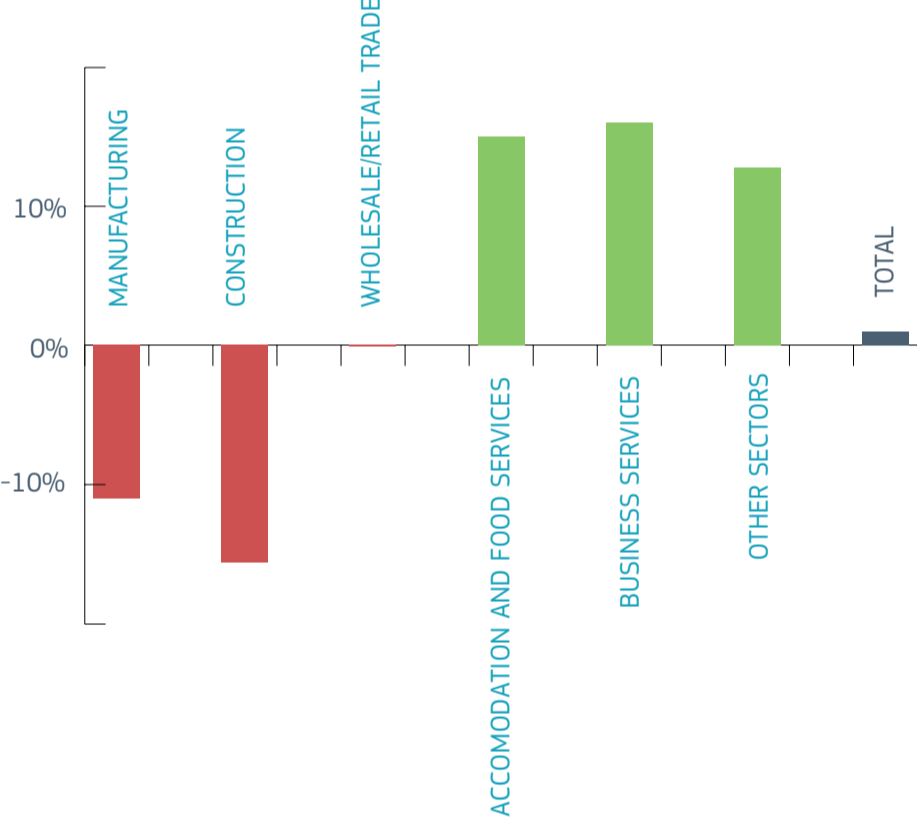
² Manufacturing, construction, business services, accommodation and food, wholesale and retail trade

2 SMEs SURPASSED PRE-CRISIS LEVELS

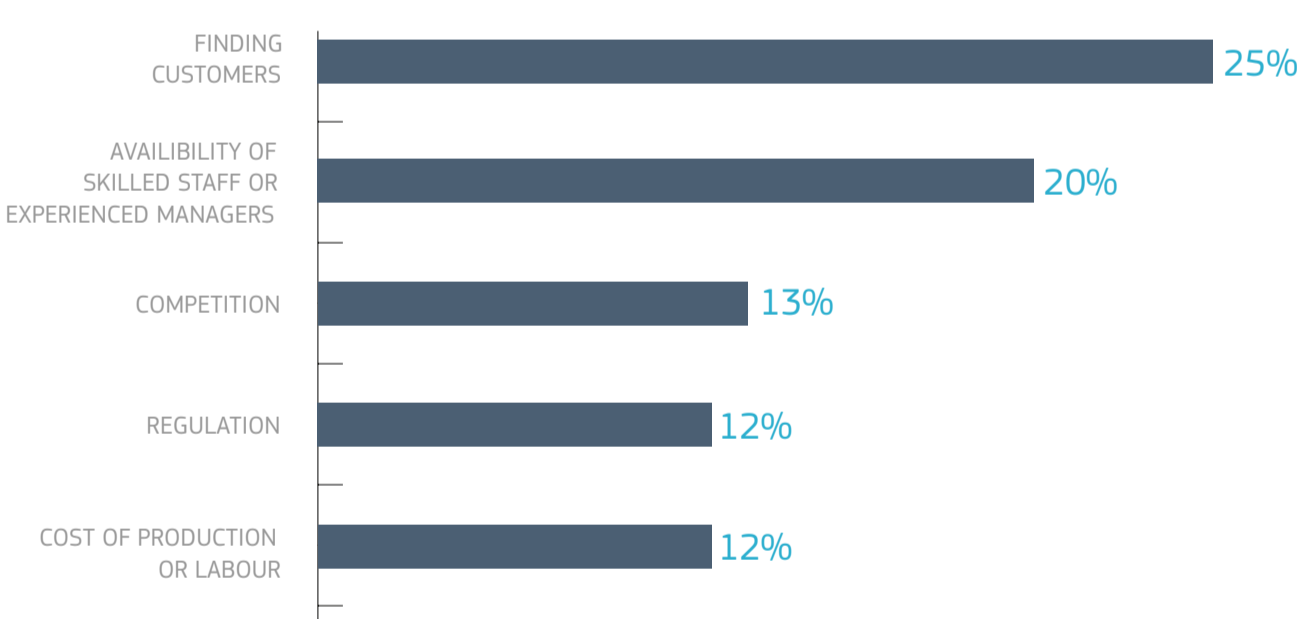


FULL RECOVERY IN SERVICES, BUT CONSTRUCTION AND MANUFACTURING STILL LAG BEHIND

Employment growth in SMEs by sector (2008 – 2016)

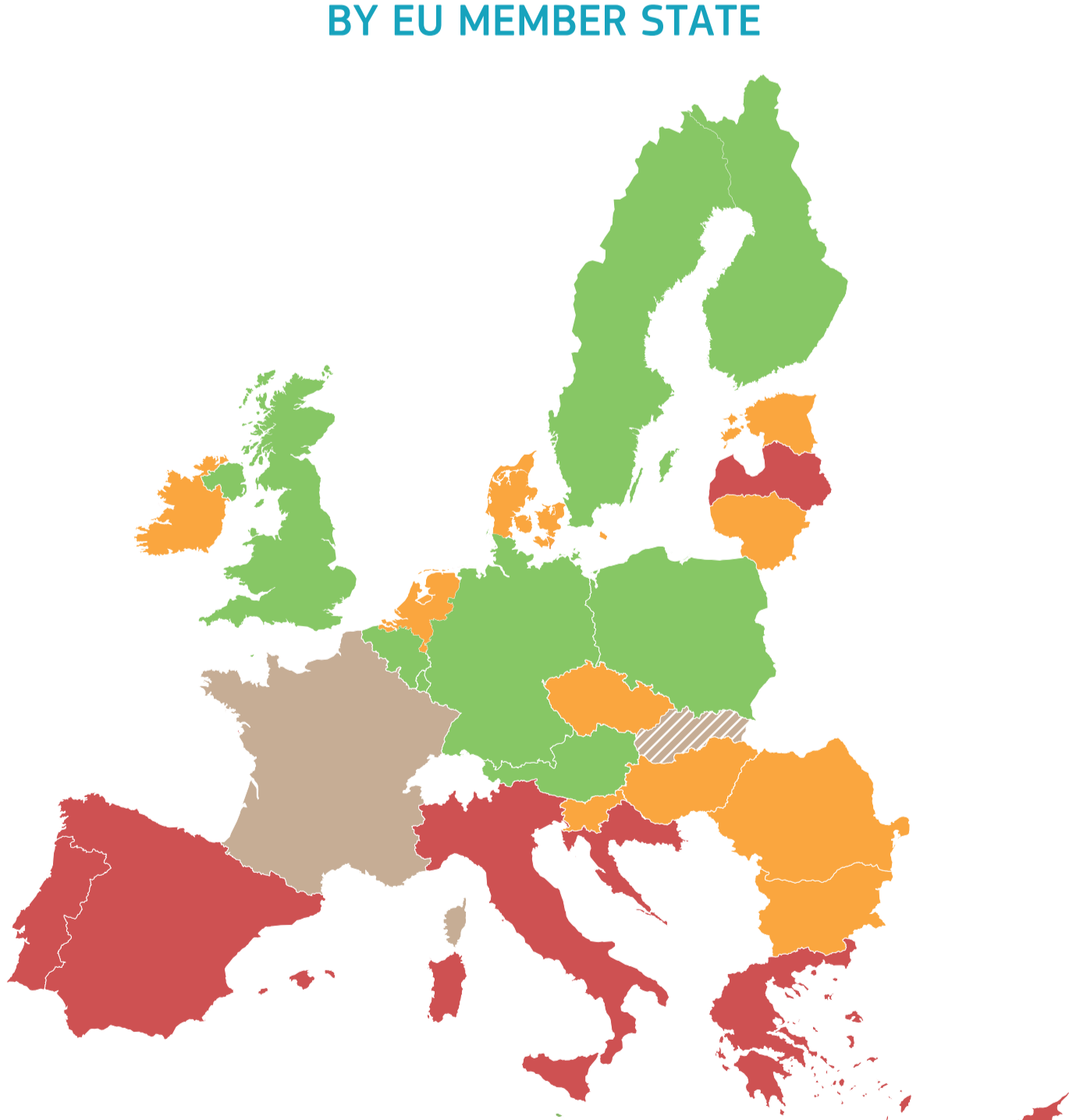


EU-28 SMEs' most pressing problems in 2016



Source: 2016 Safe Survey

GRADE OF SME RECOVERY AFTER THE CRISIS BY EU MEMBER STATE



3 BRIGHT SME FUTURE EXPECTED

