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EUROPEAN SMEs

according to the Annual Report on European SMEs 2017/2018

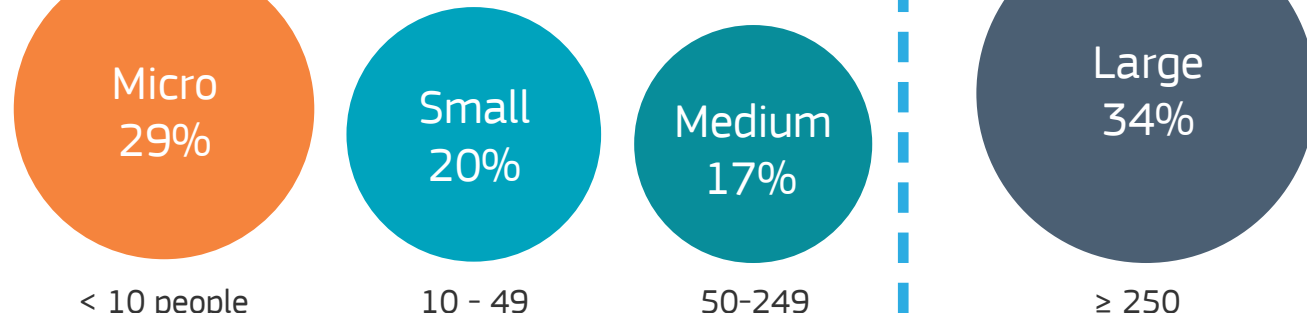
1 SMEs AS THE BACKBONE OF EUROPEAN ECONOMY



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



EMPLOYMENT SHARE PER SIZE CLASS



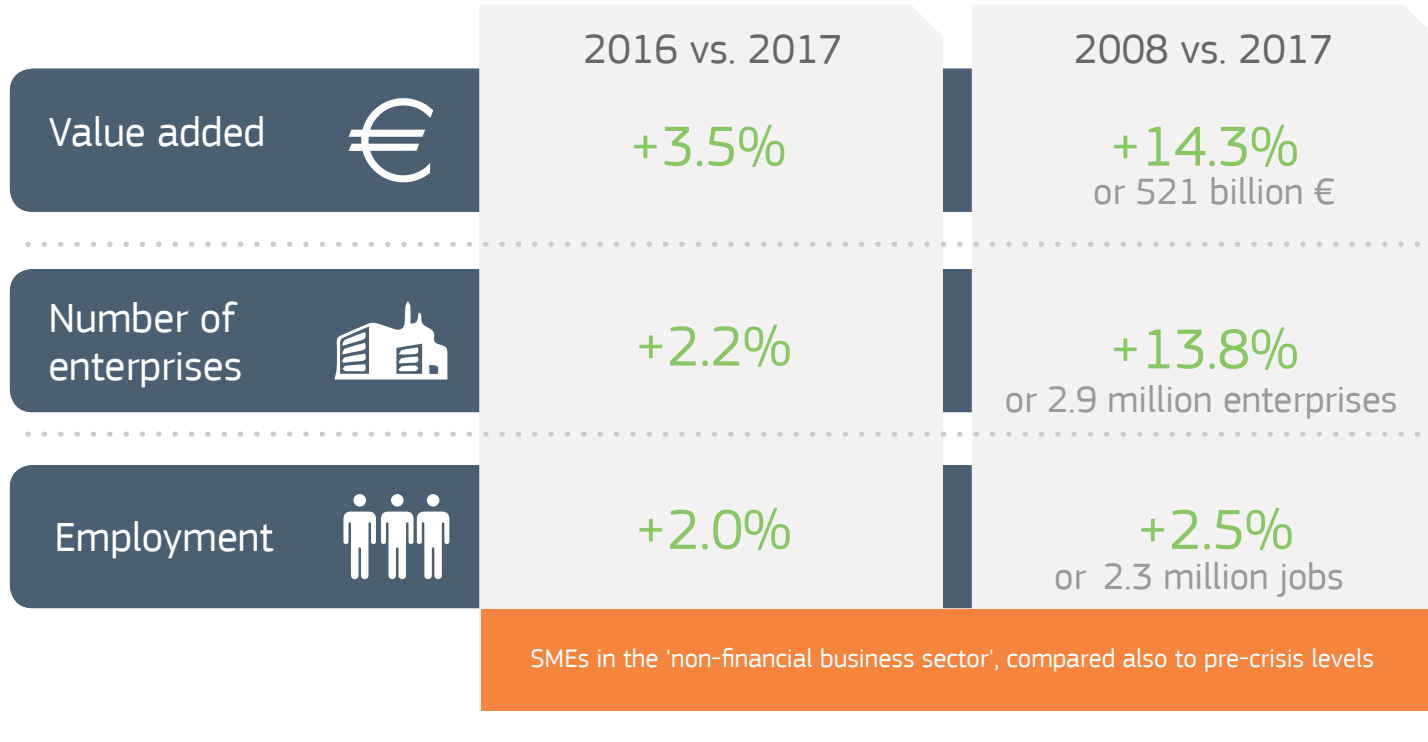
5 KEY SECTORS² ACCOUNT IN 2017 FOR :



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

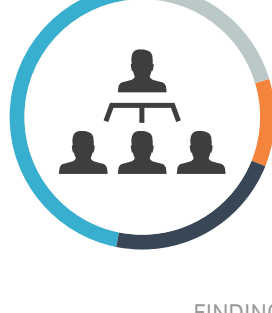
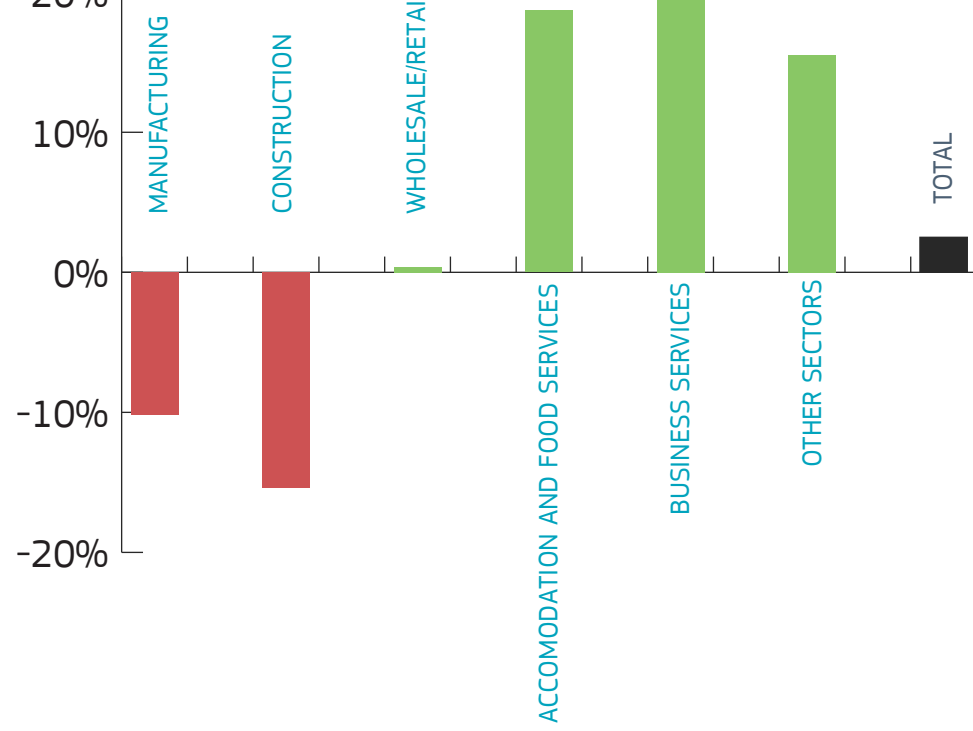
² Manufacturing, construction, business services, accommodation and food, wholesale and retail trade

2 SMES' STRONG RECOVERY CONTINUES

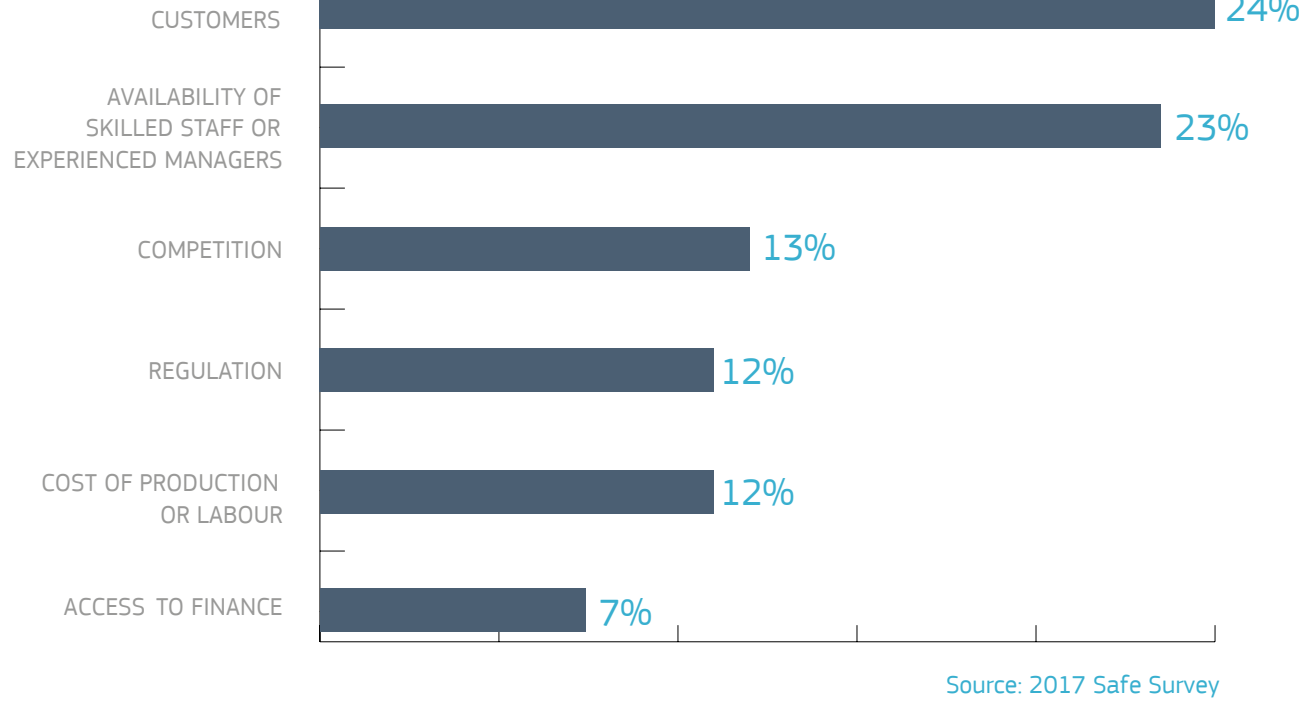


FULL RECOVERY IN ALL SECTORS, ONLY CONSTRUCTION AND MANUFACTURING STILL LAG BEHIND

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



3 SCALE-UPS BENEFIT FROM ECONOMIC UPSWING



4 BRIGHT SME FUTURE EXPECTED

