



# SME Financial information report Law 5/2015 for the promotion of business financing

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## SMEs play an essential role in Spain's economy...

#### 1. SMEs — basic figures

	Number of enterprises			Number of persons employed			Value added		
	Spain		EU-28	Spain		EU-28	Spain		EU-28
	Number	Share	Share	Number	Share	Share	Billion €	Share	Share
Micro	2221793	94.5 %	92.7 %	4377967	40.6 %	29.2 %	111	26.1 %	21.1 %
Small	111628	4.7 %	6.1 %	2076136	19.3 %	20.4 %	82	19.4 %	18.2 %
Medium-sized	14625	0.6 %	1.0 %	1447890	13.4 %	17.3 %	73	17.4 %	18.5 %
SMEs	2348046	99.9 %	99.8 %	7901993	73.3 %	66.9 %	266	62.8 %	57.8 %
Large	2738	0.1 %	0.2 %	2876627	26.7 %	33.1 %	157	37.2 %	42.2 %
Total	2350784	100.0 %	100.0 %	10778620	100.0 %	100.0 %	423	100.0 %	100.0 %

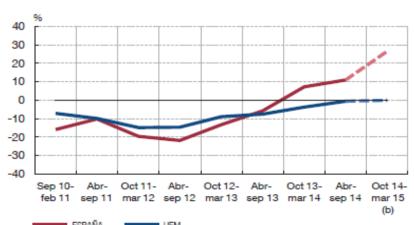
## ... and were hard hit by the crisis

EC

Difference between the interest rate on a bank loan to a firm in Spain and the euro area Basis points



EVOLUCIÓN DE LA DISPONIBILIDAD DE PRÉSTAMOS BANCARIOS (a)



Source: ECB.





## Objectives

- a) Reducing the risk of unexpected termination of liquidity lines necessary to finance working capital.
  - > It enhances the ability of SMEs to plan their liquidity and bridge gaps more effectively
- b) Contributing to more transparency in the relationships between SMEs and banks.
  - This transparency should allow for better risk pricing and help performing SMEs find alternative funding in the event of a withdrawal or reduction in financing.





## New obligations for Credit Institutions regarding SME or Self-employed workers

- A. CI to not renew, or reduce ≥35% the funding flow
- → 3 months in advance warning (within ten days and free)



#### Deliver "SME Financial Information report"

**SME:** EC Recommendation 2003/361 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises

Funding flow: art. 1 Law 5/2015 ≈ working capital funding





B. SMEs can also solicit the report at any time from the credit institution on payment of a fee.

#### **KEY ISSUES:**

- 1. Statutory right of SMEs to receive financial and credit risk information from credit institutions (unwaivable right)
- 2. Exceptions:
  - i. If there are "objective reasons that the SME's financial situation has deteriorated suddenly and significantly after the date when notification should have been given".
  - ii. breaches of contractual obligations by the SME borrower
- 3. Consequences of lack of notification?
- 4. Standardized format and methodology by Bank of Spain (Circular 6/2016).
- 5. Entry into force: 12 October





## **CONTENT of SME Financial Information report**

The content is mainly based on the information provided by each CI to Bank of Spain Central Credit Register

- Data availability
- Standardization and comparability

#### a) Credit History for the last 5 years:

- i. Current and historical loans
- ii. Current and chronological defaults / statement that SME has has met in full all tax obligations
- iii. Data communicated to credit reporting agencies
- iv. Insolvency proceedings, refinancing agreements
- v. Insurance contracts linked to funding flow

#### b) Credit rating





### Credit rating metholodogy

#### **MAIN GOALS**

- ✓ No interference with CI management criteria
- ✓ Simple application
- ✓ Easy to understand by SMEs

Methology: Rating (3 groups of variables) + Comparative position report

- Financial situation (financial statement analysis)
- Qualitative variables (knowledge about the SME)
- Behavioral variables (assessment of the behavior)



Report about the comparative position of the SME or the self-employed in its economic sector.

#### Informe-plantilla sobre la posición del acreditado respecto a su sector de actividad

Imprimir Informe

Empresa

Denominación se Prueba 3, S.A.

Sector

Agregado Fabricación de otra maquinaria para usos específicos

NIF

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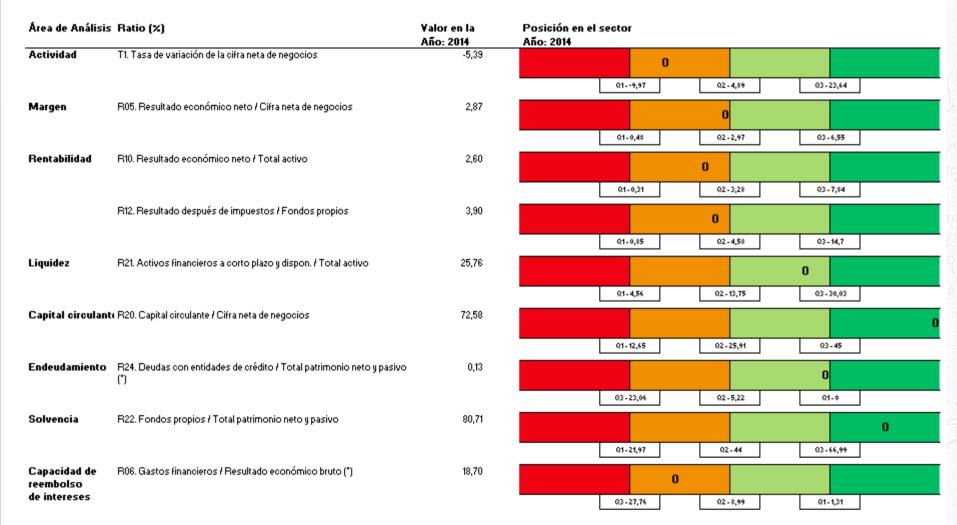
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Tamaño

CNAE

Total tamaños C289



<sup>(\*)</sup> Mátozo que en el gráfica de estar ratiar se ha invertida el arden de las cuartiles.





## THANK YOU