

**Question for written answer E-002803/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: First year of the Cosme Programme

The Cosme Programme to encourage competitiveness of SMEs in the EU started on 1 January 2014.

How many companies have benefited from the Cosme Programme during its first year in action?

What action has the Commission taken to improve access to financing for SMEs?