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to the Commission**

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Subject: Enterprises benefiting from the Cosme programme in Spain and the Canary Islands

Small and medium-sized enterprises play a key role in the EU, since they form the basis of our economy and are the main creators of employment, and there should therefore be a strong commitment at Union level to ensuring that they are able to operate and contribute to Europe's economic progress.

The Cosme programme, whose purpose is to improve the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises in the EU, was launched on 1 January 2014.

How many enterprises benefited from the Cosme programme in its first year of operation in Spain?
How many benefited in the Canary Islands?