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to the Commission**
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Subject: COSME programme in Spain

According to Commission figures, there are 23 million SMEs in the EU. SMEs account for 99% of European businesses and provide 67% of all jobs in the EU. They have taken on particular importance in recent years, as they generate the highest proportion of new jobs in the EU (85%).

In Spain, 99.8% of businesses are SMEs, which, as the country's primary creators of jobs and wealth, are the driving force behind the Spanish economy.

The aim of the COSME programme is to give those companies a boost by making it easier for them to access funding and markets, promoting entrepreneurship and creating a more favourable environment for business formation and growth.

Can the Commission say how many companies in Spain have benefited from this programme and what outcomes are currently being achieved?