

Executive summary (Financing SMEs and Entrepreneurs 2016: An OECD Scoreboard)

Financing SMEs and Entrepreneurs 2016 monitors SMEs' and entrepreneurs' access to finance in 37 countries over the period 2007-14, with the pre-crisis year 2007 serving as a benchmark. Based on data collected for the country profiles and information from demand-side surveys, this report includes indicators of debt, equity, asset-based finance and framework conditions for SME and entrepreneurship finance, complemented by further sources of information and recent public and private initiatives to support SME finance. Taken together, these indicators form a comprehensive framework for policy makers and other stakeholders to evaluate the financing needs of SMEs and determine whether they are being met. This report also constitutes a valuable tool to support the design and evaluation of policy measures, and to monitor the implications of financial reforms on access to finance and financing conditions for SMEs.

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