

SMALL BUSINESS ACT

FIRST REPORT ON THE APPLICATION IN SPAIN (2009-2011)

**Meeting of Network of SME Envoys
14 September 2011**



Relevance and Scope of the Report

□ The report was **submitted to the Council of Ministers on 17th June last** and contains **the main actions taken by the Central State Administration** during the period 2009-2011 **related (directly or indirectly) to facilitate the creation, development and growth of small and medium-sized companies.**



Characteristics of the Report

- ❑ **It is structured around the ten principles of the SBA**
 - ✓ Ten chapters of evaluation, one for each principle of the SBA

- ❑ **Cooperation between a number of ministries**
 - ✓ It has involved all the ministries with some impact on SMEs



Ministerial departments that took part

1. Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade.
2. Ministry of Economy and Inland Revenue.
3. Ministry of Science and Innovation.
4. Ministry of Labour and Immigration.
5. Ministry of Education.
6. Ministry of Culture.
7. Ministry of Health, Social Policy and Equality.
8. Ministry of the Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs.
9. Ministry of Justice.
10. Ministry of Territorial Policy and Public Administration.
11. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation.
12. Ministry of Defence.



Conclusions of the Report (1)

entrepreneurial initiative

□ Great efforts are being made to promote **entrepreneurial initiative**:

- ✓ Development of the entrepreneurial spirit is present in curricula at all levels of education (primary, secondary, vocational training, university)
- ✓ Pilot plans for financial education initiatives at all stages of education
- ✓ Campaigns to promote entrepreneurial initiative
- ✓ Promoting self-employment, cooperatives and worker-owned business
- ✓ Promoting entrepreneurial initiative among women



Conclusions of the Report (2)

entrepreneurial initiative

- ❑ Many programmes provide financial support to entrepreneurship
 - ✓ ENISA finance for entrepreneurs
 - ✓ ICO-Entrepreneurs finance line
 - ✓ CERSA guarantees for company start-ups
 - ✓ Micro credits for women entrepreneurs and businesswomen
 - ✓ Support for Business Angels networks
 - ✓ Finance for cultural and creative industries
 - ✓ CDTI grants for creating and consolidating technology-based companies

Conclusions of the Report (3)

entrepreneurial initiative

- ❑ A wide range of advisory services for entrepreneurs:
 - ✓ There are **2,866 entrepreneur support platforms** described in the report entitled “Support services to enterprising individuals” drawn up by the SME Observatory
 - ✓ Entrepreneurial Continuity Plan
 - ✓ Information and Advice for Women Entrepreneurs and Businesswomen
 - ✓ On-line tutoring and training for young entrepreneurs
 - ✓ Training programme for entrepreneurs in the cultural field

Conclusions of the Report (4)

entrepreneurial initiative

- Setting up limited companies with capital of between 3,100 and 30,000 Euros (98% of which are set up) takes **5 days and has a maximum cost of 250 Euros**
- If the company capital is less than 3,100 Euros, the procedure takes one day and the cost is 100 Euros

Conclusions of the Report (5)

e-Government

- ❑ 97% of procedures with the General State Administration accessible on the internet
- ❑ 78% of public procurement accessible on line
- ❑ A State Register of Tenderers helps companies to participate in public calls for tender,
- ❑ Each Ministry has its own official website where the public can access all the latest on-line information and services provided



Conclusions of the Report (6)

European Services Directive Transposition

- ❑ 50 State Laws, 118 Royal Decrees and 21 Ministerial Orders were amended as part of the transposition of the European Services Directive
- ❑ 116 authorisations in the State area, 633 in the Autonomous Communities and 594 requirements have been removed
- ❑ The estimated cost of charges thus removed is 1.7 billion €/year
- ❑ The virtual one-stop shop WWW.EUGO.ES (in a network with EU countries) provides information on procedures for exercising a services activity in Spain and gives help in dealing with the necessary steps



Conclusions of the Report (7)

Financial support to SME

- Significant efforts made to provide financial support to SMEs
 - ✓ More than **80 billion € facilitated to ME** between 2009 and 2011 [ICO lines (88% of the total)]
 - ✓ Shareholder loans granted via **ENISA**
 - ✓ SME securitisation funds programme (**FTPyme**)
 - ✓ **CERSA** counterguarantees for SMEs
 - ✓ Sustainable Economy Fund (**FESpyme**)

Conclusions of the Report (8)

- ❑ Fiscal-type measures to support SMEs adopted in the period 2009-2011 provided aid to the tune of 9 billion Euros
- ❑ Training support and improving competitiveness programmes involved 4 billion Euros
 - ✓ Restructuring declining industrial zones
 - ✓ Improving the competitiveness of strategic sectors
 - ✓ AVANZA (TIC)
 - ✓ INNCORPORA (innovation)

Usefulness of the Report on the Application of the SBA

It is useful for three reasons:

1. **To meet our information commitments** to the European Commission.
2. To draw up a **balance of the actions performed** in Spain for SMEs since the adoption of the SBA in December 2008.
3. **To establish a basis for further and continuous improvement on** the application of the Small Business Act (SBA) in Spain.



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