2026 SME COUNTRY FACT SHEET

MALTA

- In 2025, SMEs in Malta continued their growth. In employment terms, they grew by 4.2%, following an already strong growth in 2024 of 5.9%. Likewise, the inflation-adjusted value added grew by 7.3%, following a positive rate of 8.5% in 2024. Micro enterprises experienced the strongest growth in terms of both employment (+5.2%) and real value added (+10.6%).
- Concerning 2026, it is expected that SMEs' growth will be more moderate: Real value added is predicted to grow by 5.5%, and employment is expected to remain broadly stable with a growth of 0.5%, thus also suggesting a potential growth in productivity.
- Regarding national industrial ecosystems, in 2025 nearly all 14 ecosystems grew both in terms of employment and real value added, with a couple of exceptions. Namely, the Energy – Renewable ecosystem experienced a reduction in terms of employment as compared to the previous year (-1.3%), while the Electronics ecosystem observed a reduction in real value added (-1.9%).
- In 2026 a mix of performances are expected, with five ecosystems, namely Cultural and Creative Industries, Digital, Health, Proximity, Social Economy and Civil Security, and Tourism, expected to grow again on both SME employment and SME real value added.

SME development (2024-2025)

NUMBER OF ENTERPRISES **+4.5%**

NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED **+4.2%**

REAL VALUE ADDED **+7.3%**

SMEs in the 'total business economy'. Estimates produced by JRC.

Enterprises by size classes (2025)

	ENTERPRISES		PERSONS EMPLOYED		VALUE ADDED	
	NUMBER	SHARE	NUMBER	SHARE	€ BILLION	SHARE
Micro (0-9 persons employed)	57 205	93.9%	88 727	31.5%	5.2	28.3%
Small (10-49 persons employed)	2 986	4.9%	59 577	21.1%	3.7	20.0%
Medium (50-249 persons employed)	624	1.0%	62 850	22.3%	3.2	17.3%
Total SMEs (0-249 persons employed)	60 815	99.8%	211 154	74.9%	12.1	65.6%
Large enterprises (250+ persons employed)	116	0.2%	70 657	25.1%	6.4	34.4%

The data for 2025 are estimates produced by JRC, based on 2008-2024 figures from national and Eurostat databases.

The SME Performance Review monitors SME-related developments across the EU. For more information, please see: https://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/sme-strategy/performance-review_en
Please note that 2026 estimates were done prior to the economic tensions arising from the Middle East crises, bringing uncertainty that is still difficult to assess in terms of its impact on SMEs.