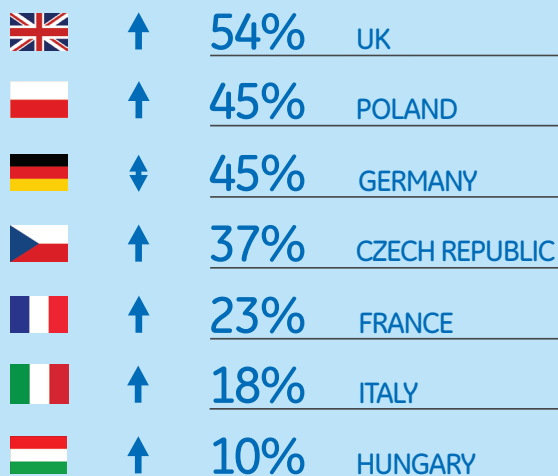


BUSINESS CONFIDENCE IS ON THE RISE

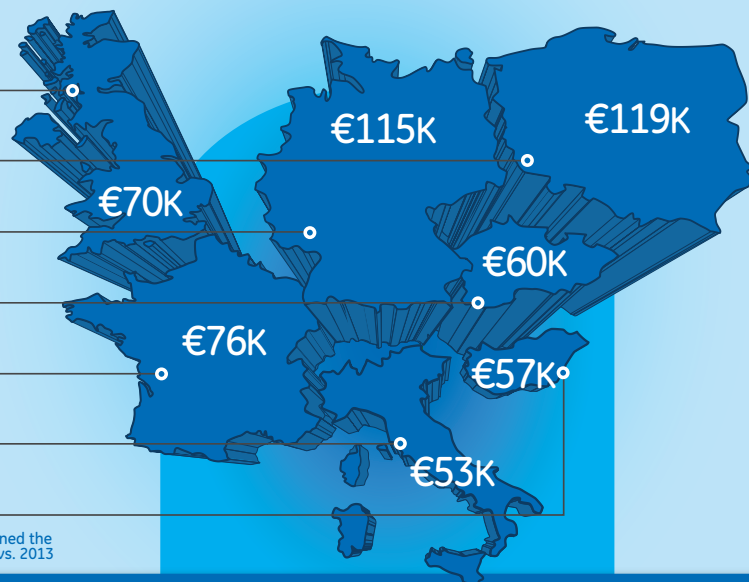
Confidence levels of SMEs
(based upon net confidence – absolute figures)



↑ Increased vs. 2013 ↕ Remained the same vs. 2013

EUROPEAN SMEs ARE IN INVESTMENT MODE

AVERAGE SPEND PER SME:



TOTAL INTENDED SPEND IN NEXT 12 MONTHS:
€410bn

NUMBER OF FIRMS THAT HAVE NO RESTRICTIONS AND CAN INVEST AS THEY WISH:
16%



SMEs PLAN TO ADD
2.4 MILLION
NEW JOBS IN THE NEXT YEAR

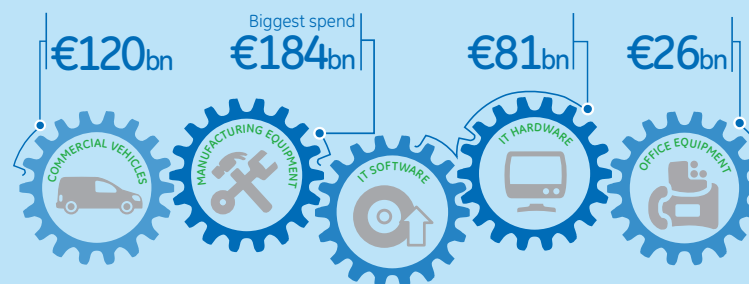
NEW JOB CREATION IS LARGELY DRIVEN BY



SMEs ARE MOST LIKELY TO USE OWN FUNDS WHEN INVESTING



INVESTMENT IN MANUFACTURING ASSETS IS DRIVING SPEND



WHAT IS THE CAPEX BAROMETER?

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The latest results are based on 2,250+ respondents with fieldwork completed in Q1 2014

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