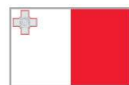


# SME Initiative Malta

## Update on Implementation

**Operational Programme SME -**  
*Stimulating private sector investment for economic growth*

**Monitoring Committee**  
**20<sup>th</sup> May 2021**



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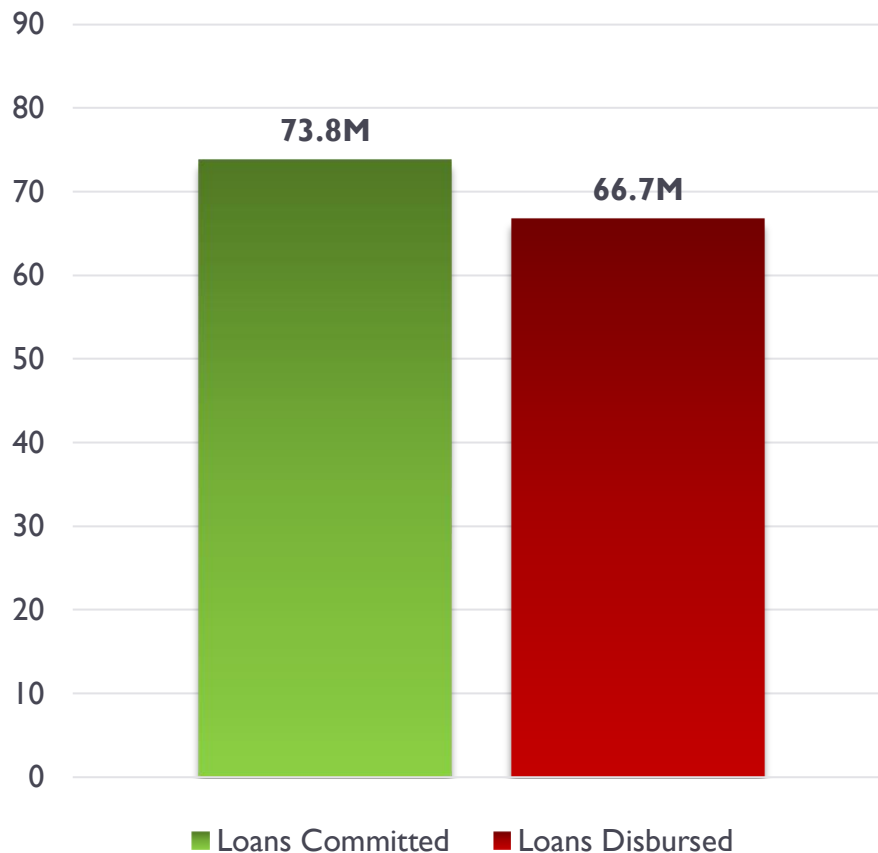


# Overview

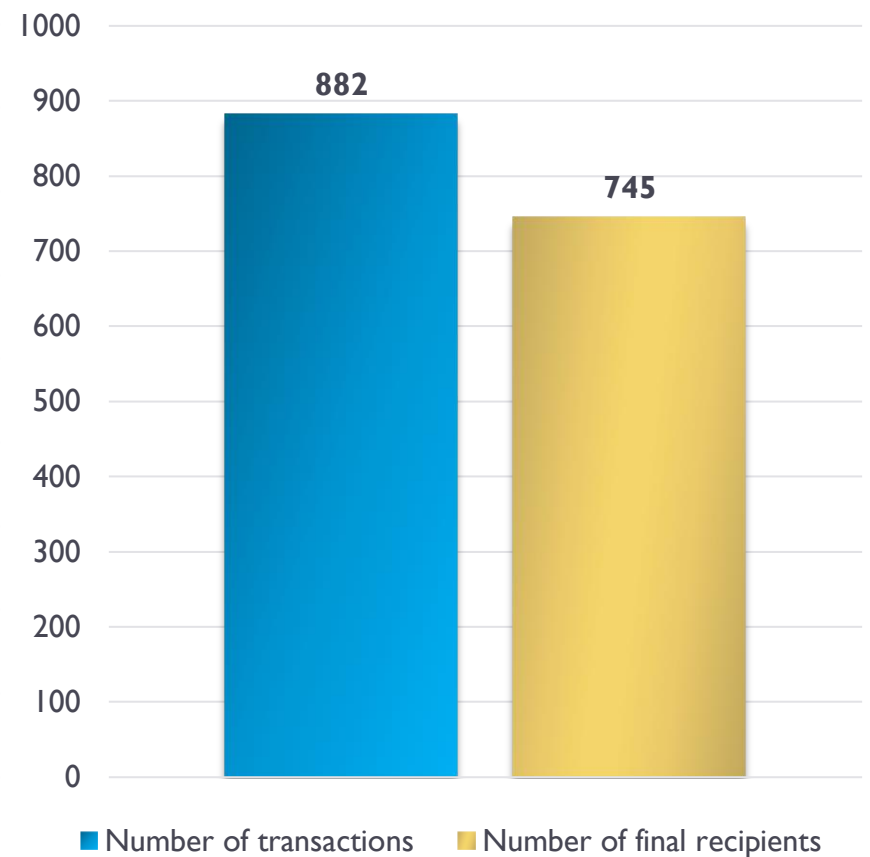
- The implementation of the SME Initiative continued in 2020, showcasing the ongoing success of this instrument, and its ability to adapt to the economic realities of the Maltese islands, even when facing unprecedented scenarios such as a global pandemic.
- A need was felt to top up this instrument from €22M to €29M, thus increasing the portfolio of available loans from €89.5M to **€116M**.
- Up to the end of 2020, a total of **€73.9M** in new loans have been committed to SMEs in Malta and Gozo, with €66.7M, or 90% of the Committed allocation, being disbursed by December 2020
- By the end of 2020, 882 guaranteed loans had been disbursed by the two selected FIs, to 745 SMEs.
- Circa 82% of the SMEs which benefitted from this instrument employed less than 10 employees and 98.7% less than 50. 48% of the SMEs assisted were start ups.

# Progress as at December 2020

## Loans committed and disbursed (millions)



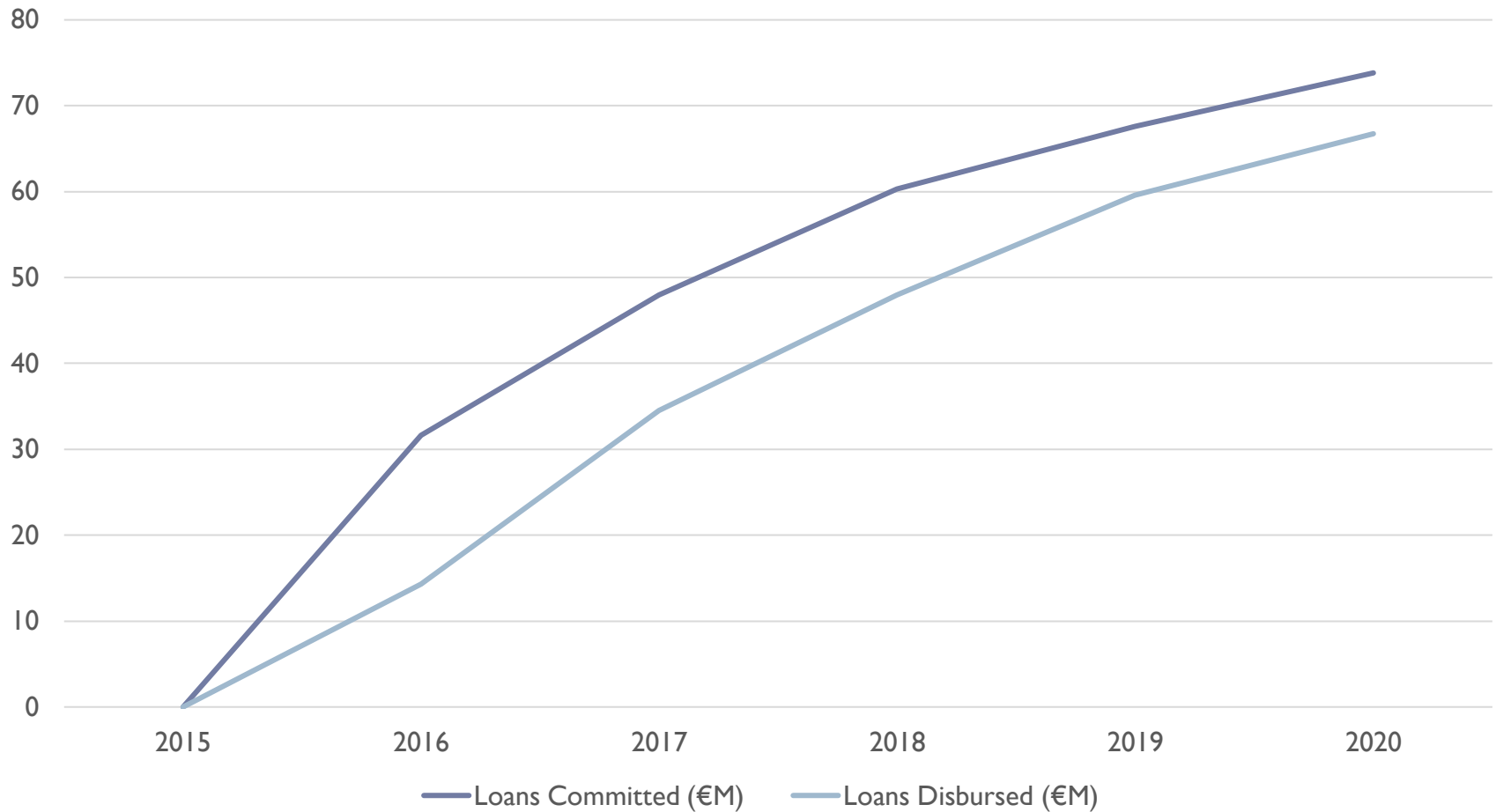
## Number of transactions and final recipients



# Build up of Portfolio – Loans Committed and Disbursed

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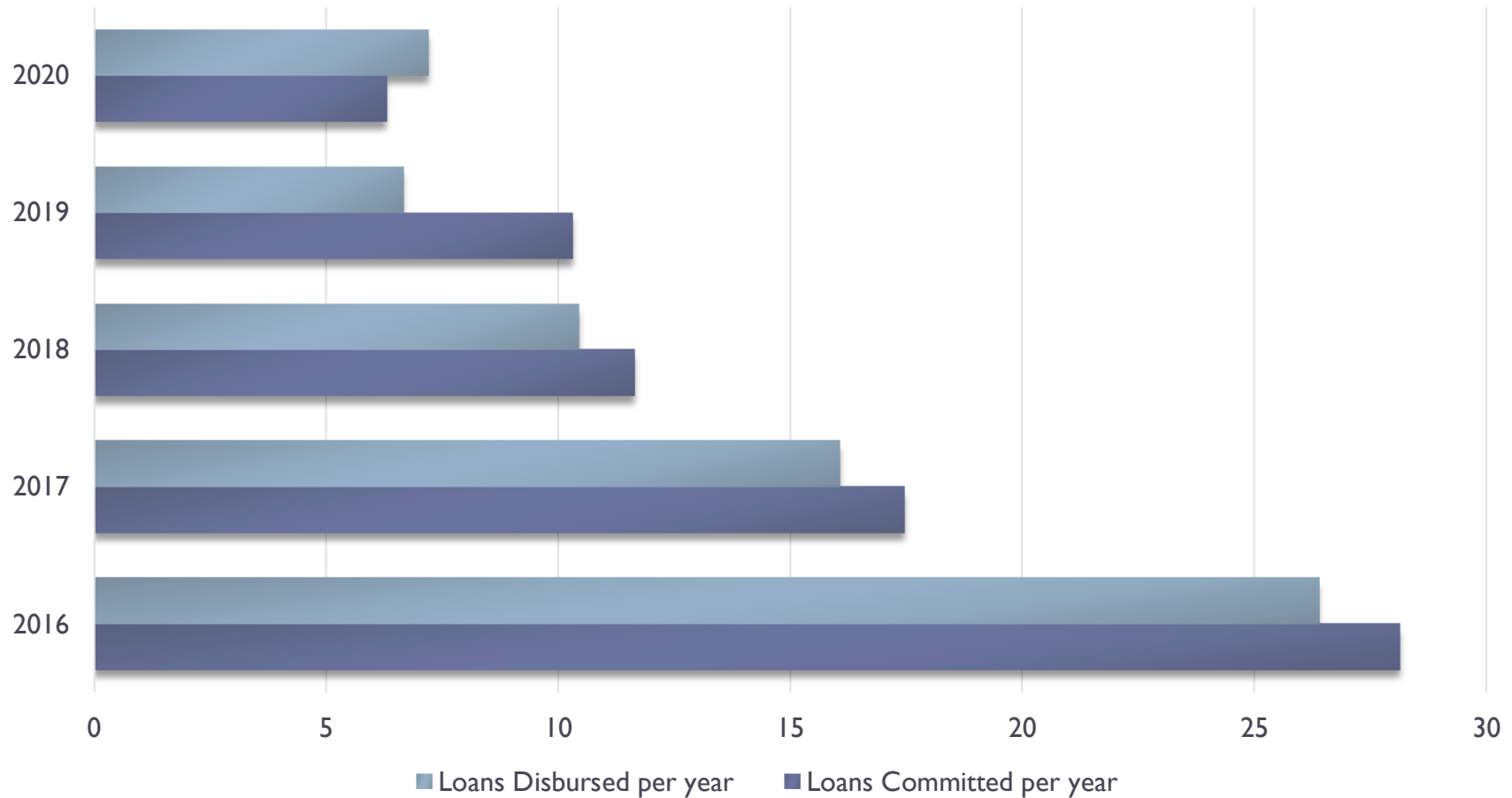
Loans Committed and Disbursed (cumulatively)



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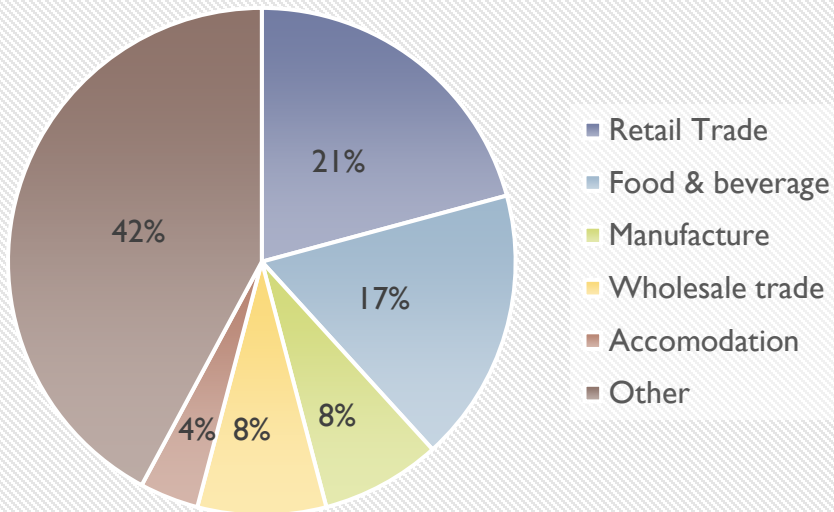


# Profile of final recipients

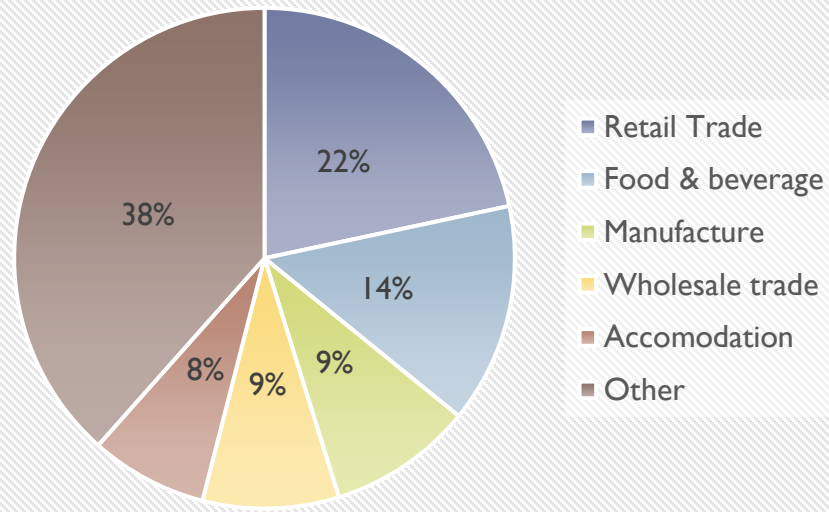
## Diversification by Sector

- ▶ **63 sectors** received financing (NACE code level 2)
- ▶ **5 sectors account for approx. 61%** of SMEs receiving financing

### By Number of SMEs

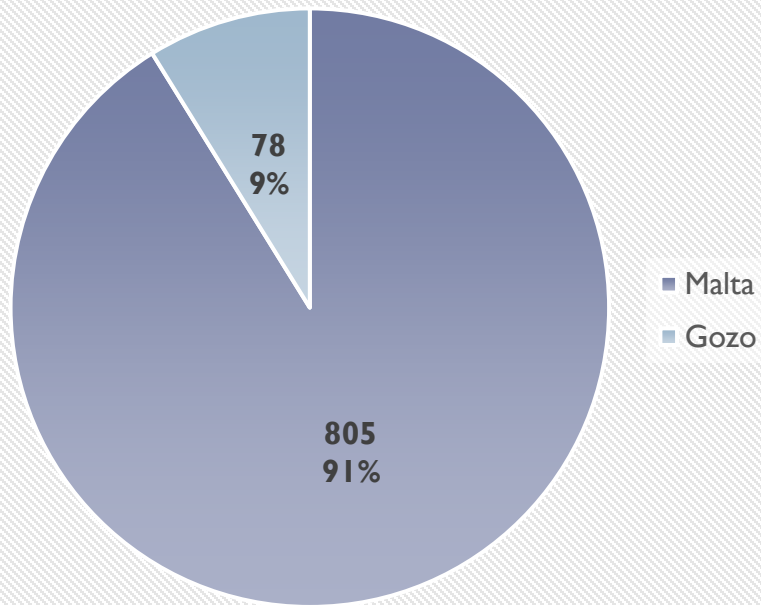


### Committed Amount

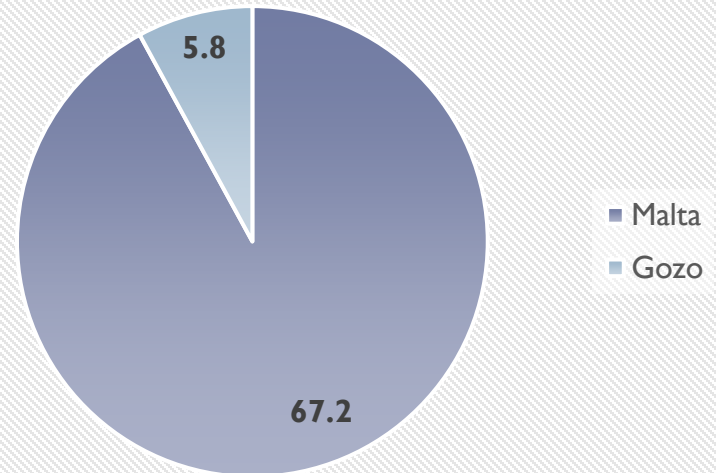


# Assistance by Territory (as at December 2020)

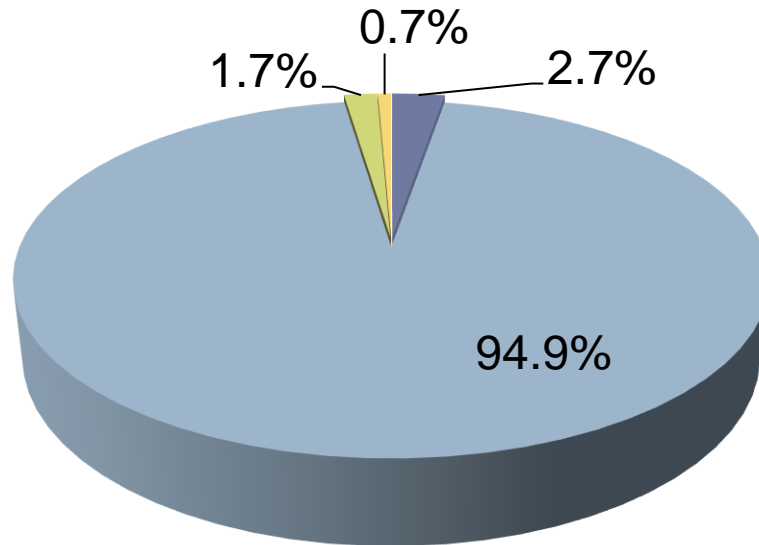
## Assisted SMEs



## Loan Amounts Committed in (€M)



# Loan Purpose



- Working capital
- Tangible investment
- Intangible investment
- Business Transfer

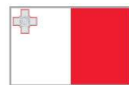


# Conclusion

- ▶ The SMEi Malta is also being adapted to react to the realities brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ▶ It is in fact envisaged that this instrument will assist an additional 210 SMEs (cumulatively 885) in accessing a total of €116M in loans, which include a specific allocation towards Working Capital Relief.
- ▶ The evaluation exercise to be carried out with regard to assistance to SMEs will also include an ex-ante assessment of how the Financial Instruments already in place can be further adapted to meet the needs of the developing market in the 21-27 Programming Period.



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