

SME CHAMBER WELCOMES THE 2026 BUDGET AND A NUMBER OF ITS PROPOSALS SUPPORTING SMES

Following today's Budget speech, the SME Chamber welcomes the 2026 Budget which will assist SMEs to grow and remain competitive. Initiatives such as the improvement of the Micro Invest Scheme, the increased support for digitalisation and the incentive to invest in R&D are among the measures that will help businesses strengthen and expand.

The SME Chamber notes that a number of its proposals were taken up by the Government and acknowledges that, in preparation for this Budget, the Government, particularly the Minister for Finance organised several consultation meetings with the SME Chamber.

The SME Chamber's proposals were developed using insights from the quarterly SME Barometer, which consistently gathers feedback from businesses, as well as input from members and targeted focus group discussions.

The SME Chamber urges the Government to continue addressing the issues highlighted by businesses in the SME Barometer over the past months, including employee shortages, unfair competition, good governance, and traffic congestion.