

Private Equity at Work

Employment – The facts

Private equity is a cornerstone of the European economy present in every region and every major business sector across the continent.

From technology and life sciences start-ups to manufacturing small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and large consumer-focused multinationals, private equity backed companies support millions of high-value jobs driving prosperity and growth in the process.

Private equity supports 9.9 million jobs in European companies, making it a major employer in most industry sectors.

24,663

companies in Europe backed by private equity in 2020 across all industry sectors and all regions

17,781

of which were **SMEs employing 854,459 people**

Note
Employment data is based on an extrapolation of a sample of 13,684 portfolio companies

Employment 2020

9.9 million

Employees worked in private equity backed European companies

4.3%

of Europe's total 233 million workforce

Source: EDC / Eurostat / UK ONS

Employment by portfolio company stage



Jobs in Buyout stage companies

6,184,810

Jobs in Growth stage companies

2,702,234

Jobs in Venture stage companies

556,439

Others*

474,004

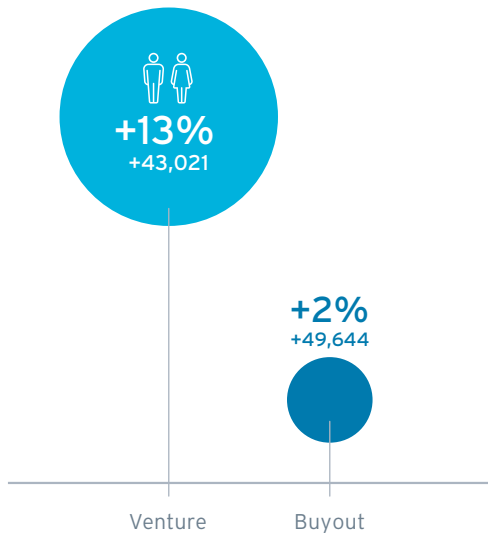
* Others includes Turnaround/Rescue and Replacement capital

Job creation – The facts

Private equity builds successful businesses. Successful businesses invest more in growth. And growth leads to job creation.

Job creation by type of private equity firm

During what was a tumultuous period, Venture firms particularly managed to grow significantly the workforces in their portfolio companies: +43,021 (+13%).



+5%

more new jobs created by SMEs in 2020

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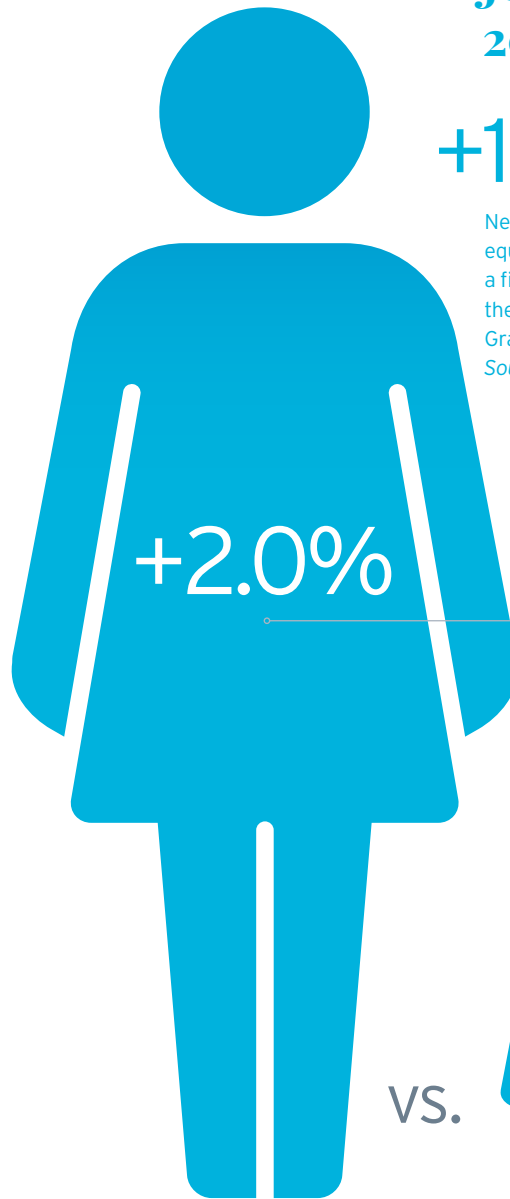
Job creation data is based on portfolio companies in Europe active and backed by Private Equity as of end of 2020

Job creation 2019-20

+103,566

Net jobs were created by private equity backed companies in 2020, a figure roughly comparable to the working population of Granada (Spain)

Source: EDC / Eurostat



Job creation of +2.0% in private equity backed companies in 2020

-1.6%

This compares to the contraction of -1.6% seen in European companies overall

Sector highlights



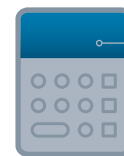
Biotech & Healthcare

1,279,903 employees
+41,309 new jobs
+7.5% growth



Information Communications Technology (ICT)

1,313,427 employees
+35,126 new jobs
+4.9% growth



Financial & Insurance Activities

267,095 employees
+11,204 new jobs
+7.7% growth

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