

# SBCI / Ireland

Increase of the  
**outstanding  
guarantee vol-  
ume by 109%**  
over H1 2020

**3,766 SMEs**  
under the  
auspices of  
**SBCI** (as of  
mid-2020)

**New Produc-  
tion** in H1  
2020 (in units)  
is **5.3x** the one  
in the previous  
semester

**SBCI** as the national promotional institution of Ireland is dedicated to the support of small and medium-sized enterprises that got into difficulties following the covid outbreak and associated lockdown measures.

In March 2020, **SBCI** adopted its **Covid-19 Working Capital Scheme** which is offered in partnership with the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, and is supported by the **InnovFin SME Guarantee Facility**.

The scheme covers 80% of loans ranging from kEUR 25 to mEUR 1.5. Loans under this scheme are unsecured up to an amount of kEUR 500 and durations go from 1 to 3 years. A repayment-free period may be granted at the beginning of the term. The purpose of the loans are future working capital requirements and funding of innovation, change or adaptation of the business to mitigate the impact of Covid-19. In order to benefit from a loan under the **Covid-19 Working Capital Scheme** a company needs to prove a fall in turnover or profitability of at least 15% due to covid and respect at least one of eleven innovation criteria.

On 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020, **SBCI** launched its **Covid-19 credit guarantee scheme** with a total budget of bEUR 2 which is a scheme offered by the government of Ireland and administered by **SBCI**.

The scheme covers 80% of loans from kEUR 10 to mEUR 1 for durations from 3 months to 5.5 years to SMEs and small mid-caps with a covid-related fall in turnover or productivity of minimum 15%. The product addresses both, working capital needs and investment requirements. While loans of less than kEUR 250 are generally unsecured, higher amounts may be secured, but a personal guarantee may only be sought in circumstances where it is required to capture supporting security, or where it is an uncollateralised personal guarantee and is limited to a maximum of 20% of the initial finance agreement amount. The product furthermore allows for up to 12 months of interest and/or capital moratoria as well as for refinance and rollover of debt incurred..

...as a result of Covid-19 that were initially funded through short term/temporary facilities such as overdrafts. The applicable guarantee premium depends on the size of the business and the length of time for which the credit is being advanced, starting from 0.15% up to 1.4%. Guaranteed loans under this scheme will be available up to end of June 2021. Applications for the guarantee coverage are to be presented via the participating on-lenders.

Moreover, the **SBCI Future Growth Loan Scheme** was upgraded by mEUR 200 in the frame of the covid pandemic.

More information on **SBCI** measures can be found under the following link: <https://sbci.gov.ie/#products>

Latest update: 4th December 2020

The **average guarantee size** increased from **kEUR 36.5 to 57.7** over H1 2020

Evolution of the **outstanding guarantee volume** in mEUR since **SBCI's** adhesion to **AECM**

