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I DID IT MY WAY

1994	Secondary school graduation in Zlín
1995	Political science at University of Padua, Italy
	Business experience – Czech Republic, Italy, Slovakia
2004	Representation of regions at EU institutions in Brussels
2012	Chamber of Commerce of the Zlín Region
2014	Member of the European Parliament
2024	Back to business, Seven Partners

I DID IT MY WAY: MY LIFE IS EUROPE

1995	University of Padua, business in Italy
1996	EU membership application submitted
2000	Graduation in University of Padua
2003	Accession Treaty signed and EU referendum approved
2004	The Czech Republic joined the EU (May 1, 2004)
2004	Czech regions representation office in Brussels (October 1, 2004)
2007/08	The Czech Republic joined the Schengen Area
2009	Lisbon Treaty entered into force & First Czech EU Council Presidency
2014	Member of the European Parliament (2014-2024)
2022	Second Czech EU Council Presidency

My work in the European Parliament I.

ALLIANCE OF LIBERALS AND DEMOCRATS FOR EUROPE

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My work in the European Parliament II.

- **Committees:**
  - Committee on Budgetary control
    Vice-chair until 2022, for 8 years
  - Committee on Budgets
  - Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
    Renew Europe Coordinator
  - Committee on Employment
- **Intergroup on Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises**
- **Renew Europe SME Taskforce**

Entrepreneurial Spirit & Business Skills – Opportunities for Youth

Young people in the EU

64%
have participated in non-profit organisations' activities in the past 12 months

48%
have taken action to change society (signing a petition, participating in a rally, or writing to a politician)

74%
believe their education has equipped them with the necessary digital skills to identify disinformation

Source: Eurobarometer on Youth and Democracy, 2024

Key EU achievements for young people

- European Year of Youth, Youth Check, Youth Dialogues…
- Erasmus+
- Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs
- New Skills Agenda
- Why Not?

WHY NOT?

- young people age 18 – 25
- 100 traineeships
- more than 20 companies and institutions
- domestic and international traineeships
- shadowing politicians, entrepreneurs, creatives, scientists etc.
- collecting wishes and stories

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Entrepreneurial spirit

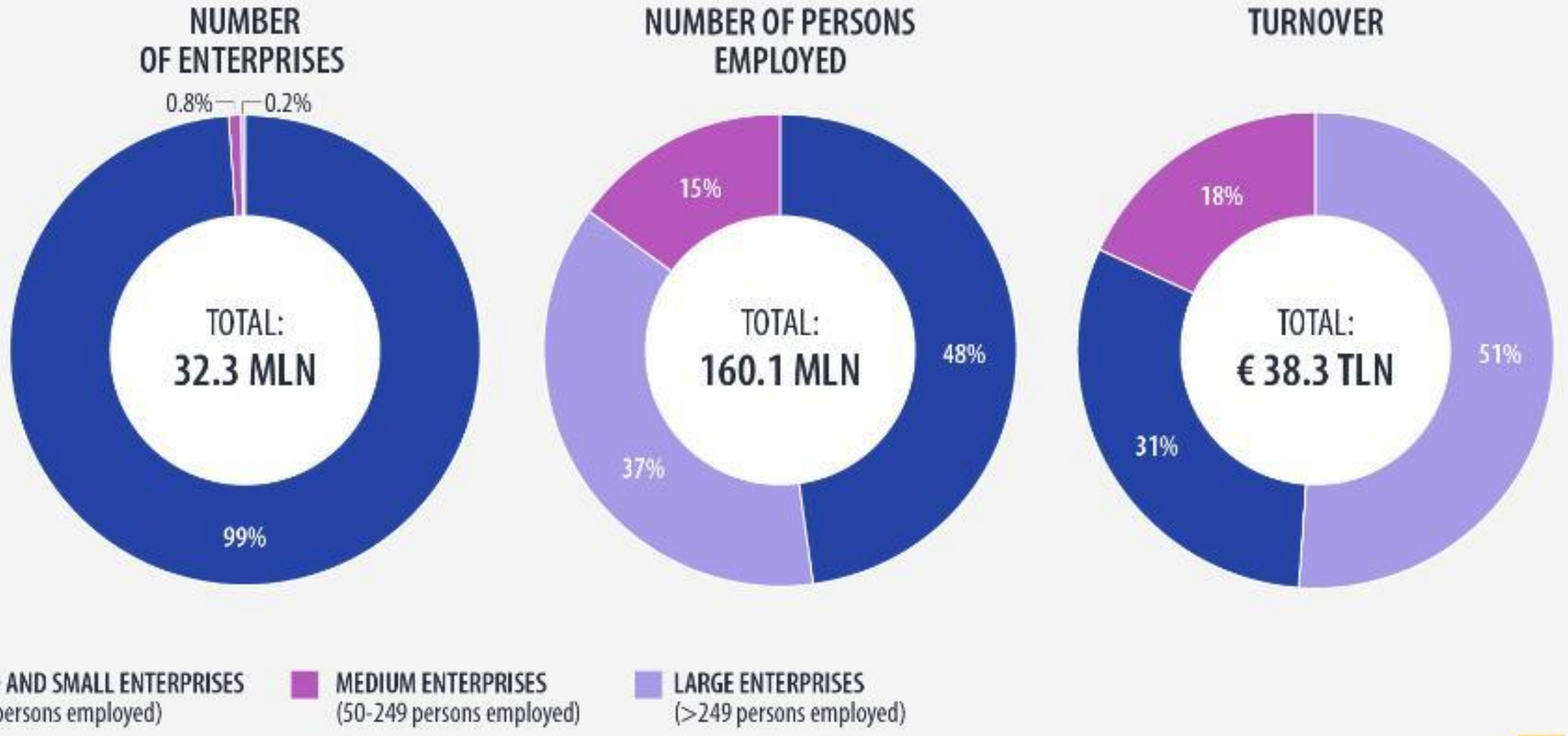
- entrepreneurship as a mindset
- initiative, creativity, responsibility and freedom
- turning ideas into value

SMEs in Europe

- every reason to be optimistic
- SMEs represent 99% of businesses in the EU
- allowing entrepreneurs to do the business

Business economy by size in 2022

(% of size class)



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Main challenges faced by SMEs

- regulatory burden
- access to finance
- lack of skilled workers
- digitalisation
- barriers in the Single Market

Making SMEs a top priority

- SME Intergroup
- Renew Europe SME Taskforce
- State of the SME Union

  → a first time in the European Parliament’s history

Key EU actions for SMEs, 2019-2024

- New Industrial Strategy for Europe (2020)
- EU SME Strategy (2020, updated 2021)
- SME Relief Package (2023)
- European Parliament Resolution on the State of the SME Union (2023)

Other: Anti-Money Laundering legislation, AI Act, Digital Services Act, Path to the Digital Decade Policy Programme Act…

What comes next for SMEs in Europe

- Omnibus simplification packages (since 2024)
- EU Start-up and Scale-up strategy (2025)
- 28th regime (2025)
- Multiannual Financial Framework 2028-2034

EU Budget 2028-2034

- presented on 16 July 2025
- almost EUR 2 trillion

Key features of the new MFF

- greater flexibility & simpler and more harmonised EU funding programmes
- targeted impact through National and Regional Partnership Plans
- stronger focus on competitiveness
- new own resources

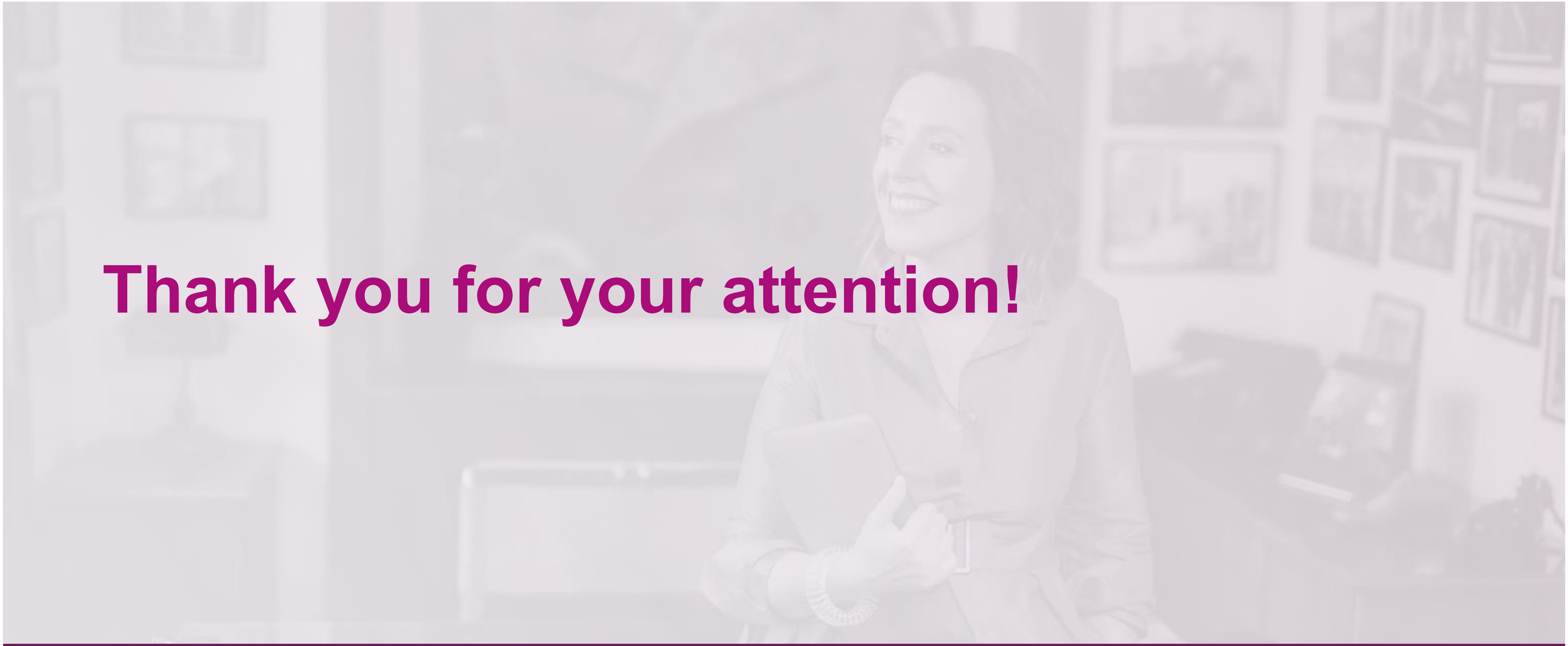
Competitiveness & Resilience

- European Competitiveness Fund
- Horizon Europe

Education & Skills

- More investments in skills & Union of Skills
- A stronger Erasmus+

Thank you for your attention!



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