

# Methodology

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This Qonto data study was conducted between January 2022 and May 2023, among +350,000 SMEs (with up to 250 employees) and freelancers in Germany, Spain, France and Italy. The classification of sectors is based on [Eurostat NACE Classification values](#).

To find out more about the different sectors mentioned in the report, readers can refer to the following pages:

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The data analysis focuses on the average number of card transactions by organization, as well as the average amounts spent by organization, by card and transfers.

