



**650,000**  
employees<sup>8</sup>

**The European medical technology industry** employs more than 650,000 people. Germany had the highest absolute number of people employed in the medical technology sector, while the number of medtech employees per capita is highest in Switzerland and Ireland. This high level of employment shows that the medical technology industry is an important player in the European economy.

In comparison, the European pharmaceutical industry employs more than 700,000 people<sup>7</sup>.

TOP 6 COUNTRIES WITH HIGHEST EMPLOYMENT IN THE MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY (REF. 8)

United Kingdom

71.000

Germany

195.000

France

90.000

Switzerland

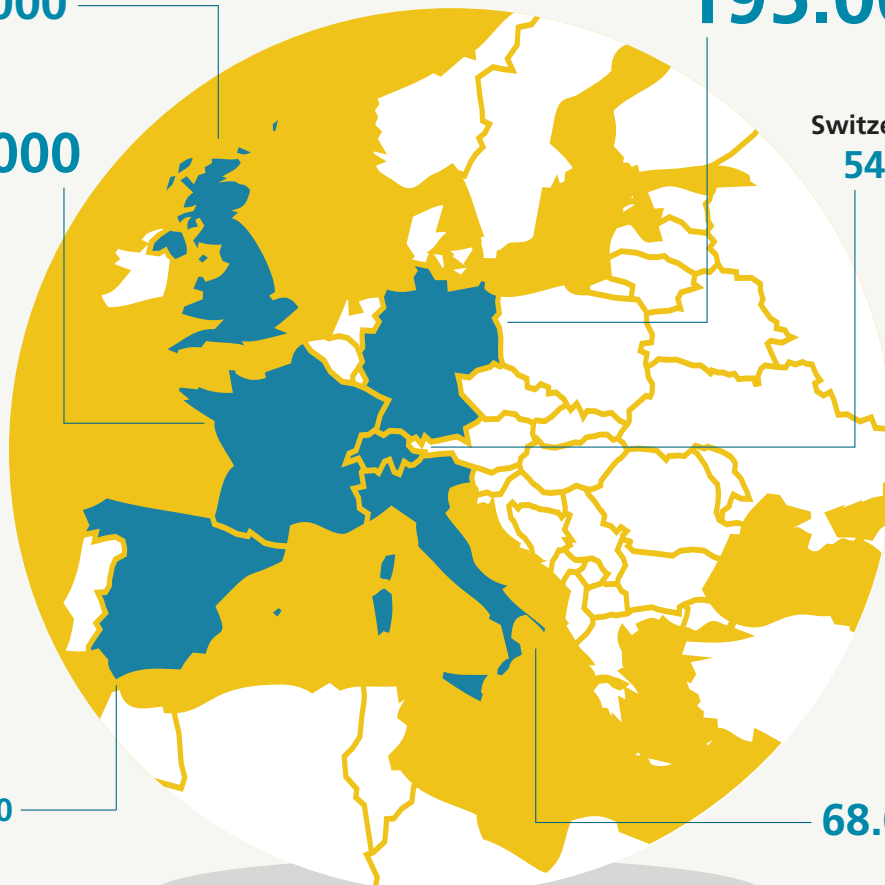
54.000

Spain

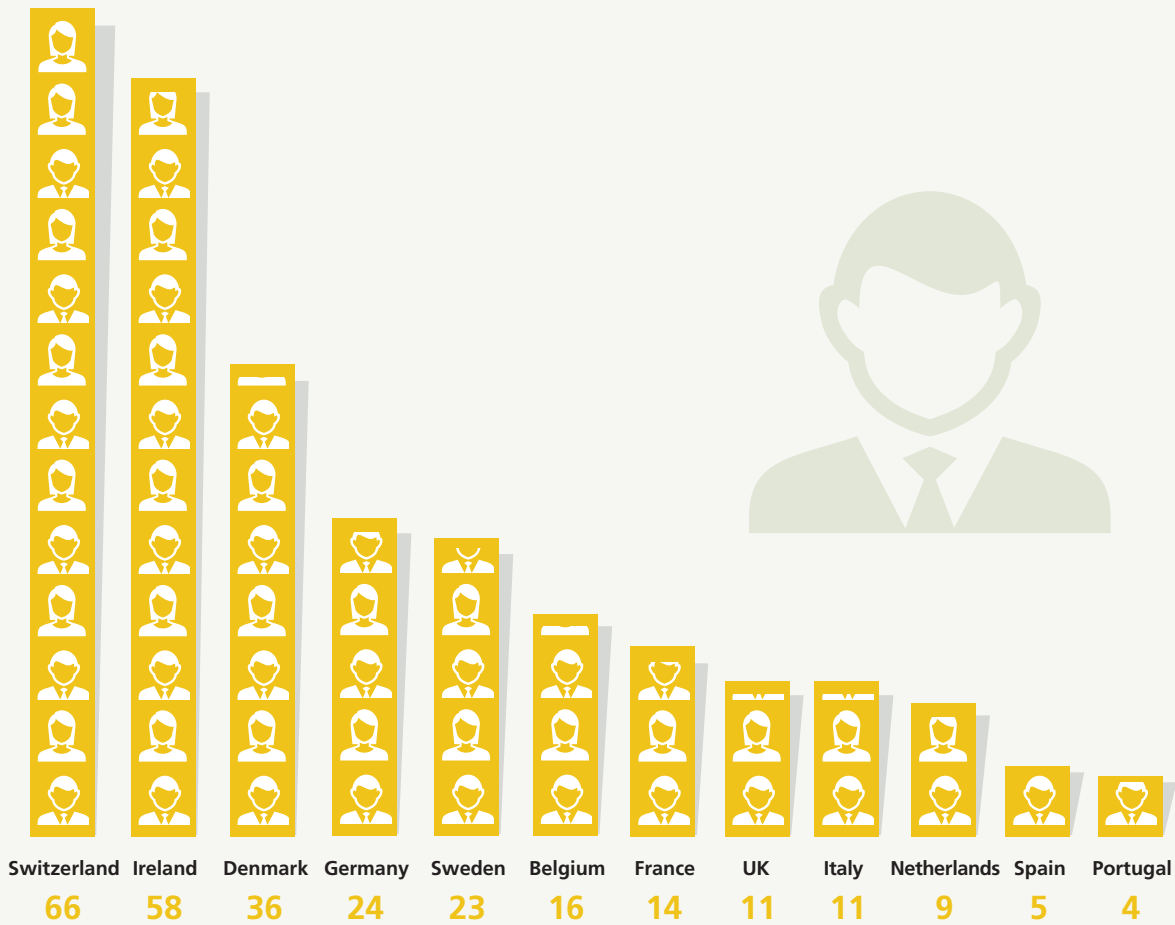
23.000

Italy

68.000



NUMBER OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN THE MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY PER 10,000 INHABITANTS (REF. 8)





**26,000**  
medical technology  
companies in Europe

**95%**  
SMEs

**There are approximately 26,000 medical technology companies** in Europe. Most of them are based in Germany, followed by the UK, Italy, Switzerland, Spain and France. Small and medium-sized companies (SMEs\*) make up almost 95% of the medical technology industry, the majority of which employ less than 50 people (small and micro-sized companies)<sup>8</sup>.

\*An enterprise is considered to be a SME if it employs fewer than 250 persons and has an annual turnover not exceeding €50 million (small company- employs fewer than 50 persons and has a turnover of less than €10 million).