## BENEFITS FROM ADOPTING A ESG APPROACH

The ESG "business case" is clear: SMEs that adopted a ESG approach exploited benefits in all fields, especially in terms of environmental impact, customer satisfaction, reputation and dialogue with stakeholders.

**78%** 

Better Environmental Impact



71%

**Customers' Satisfaction** 



66%

Reputation and Dialogue with Stakeholders



Source:

SDA Bocconi Sustainability Lab survey for SME EnterPRIZE (May 2022) Total N. 258

## **GROWING POLARISATION**

Strategic Approach to Sustainability (% of SMEs)

There's a widening gap between SMEs with and without environmental/social plans: in the last two years, SMEs that adopted an ESG approach almost doubled. However, the number of SMEs declaring not to be interested in any ESG strategy also more than doubled.

2020



ESG strategy/action plan already implemented

14%

20%

ESG strategy/action plan not adopted, and implementation not planned



2022



ESG strategy/action plan already implemented

26%

43%

ESG strategy/action plan not adopted, and implementation not planned



Sources:

SDA Bocconi Sustainability Lab survey for SME EnterPRIZE (May 2022) Total N. 1,000, European Commission SMEs, start-ups, scale-ups and entrepreneurship Flash Eurobarometer 486 (2020)

## **HOW SMEs ASK TO BE SUPPORTED**

SMEs ask that the sustainable transition be facilitated with supporting economic and non-economic initiatives, including promoting the demand for sustainable products and services.

Promotion of Sustainable Demand

72%



Access to Sustainable Finance for SMEs

64%



Source: