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# What Influences the Implementation of IFRS for SMEs? The Brazilian Case

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## Authors' article – Introduction

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- Insights on the adoption of IFRS for SMEs in a developing economy (Brazil)
- 426 questionnaires applied
- “Further investigation indicates that once participants know the standard, “implementation myths” are mitigated
- “Developing countries are misrepresented in the international setting”
- “Our research complements IFRS Foundations’ Request for Information (RFI) and SME Implementation Group (SMEIG) recommendations on the Second Comprehensive Review”

## Author's – literature review and findings

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- “There are engagement challenges with users not participating in the due process of forums” (LR)
- “Scarce resources, corruption, weak enforcement and need to educate tax authorities about IFRS implications”
- “Absence of sanctions for non-implementation, even though it is mandatory”
- Respondents profiles - degree of knowledge of IFRS for SMEs (426 valid respondents)

## Author's – findings

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- “the barrier to implement IFRS for SMEs does not seem to be the standard per se, but a lack of knowledge about it”
- We find evidence that, overall, the IFRS for SMEs standard is adequate for its target companies. However, our results suggest that its strategy of implementation should improve.
- Questionnaire could be more neutral
- The authors suggest that “the IASB should weigh how strategies for training practitioners from SMEs could be supported in adopting countries when conducting the current second comprehensive review”

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