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Introduction

During the pandemic, company employees had to start working remotely.

According to data from the latest Labour Force Survey by Spanish Statistics Institute (INE) and the National Observatory of Technology and Society (ONTSI), in the first quarter of 2021, 11.2% of employed people (2,146,100) worked from home more than half of the days and teleworking figures tripled in Spain in the second quarter of 2020.

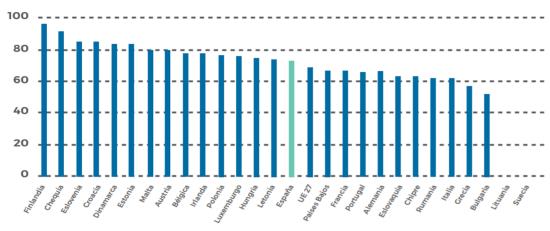
GENDER/AGE	2020			2021			
GENDER/AGE	T2	Т3	T4	T1			
BOTH GENDERS							
Never	76,6	84,4	84	82,5			
More than half of the worked days	16,2	10,3	9,9	11,2			
Don't know	2,3	1,1	1,3	0,9			
Occasionally	2,9	4,2	4,8	5,4			
Total	100	100	100	100			



Introduction

In 2019, **71%** of Spanish companies were equipping their employees with **mobility-enabled devices,** rising to 74% by 2020.

However, **63%** of **SMEs** considered at the beginning of the **pandemic** that they were not prepared for the new reality, especially **in terms of digitalisation** and work tools.



Mobile internet connection for business purposes in the EU. Ontsi

63%

of SME

respondents say that they were

NOT

prepared for this new reality in their work.



The Digital Workplace

We are experiencing a push for new ways of working, with new hybrid models, new methodologies, and new tools, which support our daily activity and new competencies for all employees.

Organisations must be able to design the digital workplace that best suits the needs of each employee.

- 1. Connectivity
- 2. Equipment
- 3. Apps and productivity tools

- 4. Communication and collaboration tools
- 5. Cloud-based information repository
- 6. Security
- 7. Management and maintenance





What tools does exist and how can SMEs can use them to adapt to the digital workplace?

Digital tools that allow companies and employees to continue their work as normal and to continue offering the same quality service to their customers.

Payment tools

Microsoft 365

Google Workspace

Free tools

Slack

Asana

Trello
Bitrix24











Tools	Functionalities	Advantages	Limitations	Price	Comments
Slack	Chat and video calls. File sharing.	 Allows integration with other applications such as email and project management tools. Possibility to embed apps (e.g. Spotify, YouTube, etc.). 	 Does not allow offline work. Information less accessible due to the chat format, although it incorporates a search engine. Calls with a maximum of 2 participants. 	· Free version.	The premium version (€6.25 user/month) allows unlimited access to messages and the ability to make audio and video calls with more members.
Asana	· Planning and management of tasks and projects.	Allows integration with other chat or document storage and delivery tools. Sophisticated software that can handle complex projects. Unlimited projects. 3	• Initial training in the tool may be necessary for beginners. • There is a limitation of 15 users in the wing free version. • There is a limitation of 25 users in the wing free version. • There is a limitation of 25 users in the wing wing with the wing wing with the wing wing with the wing wing with the wing wing wing with the wing wing wing wing wing wing wing wing	· Free version.	The premium version (€10.99 user/month allows unlimited guests, access to timelines and project reporting.
Trello	• Planning and management of tasks and projects.	Integration with other chat or document storage and delivery tools and contains a variety of additional modules. Automation of tasks. Simple and intuitive.	• Does not allow dependency on complex tasks of projects and/or very large teams. N • Up to 10 boards in free version.	· Free version.	Paid versions are available from \$5 per person per month and include more storage space and unlimited boards among other premium features.
Bitrix24 [©] Bitrix24	Chat and video calls. File storage in the cloud. Scheduling and task management CRM, sales automation. HR tools (acknowledgements, applications, leave management, etc.) -HRM tools (acknowledgements, applications, leave management, etc.).	 Recognises users progress through gamification. Integrated time tracker to track the time spent on each task. Workflow automation. 	It has a limitation of 12 users in the free version. Even in the paid versions, no technical help is offered and customer support is weak.	· Free version.	Paid versions are available from \$39 for 5 users per month and include benefits such as increased storage capacity and customer support.



Cases of use

How to improve the customer experience with collaborative tools, through a digital workplace?



9:00 h

Juan checks his company email for orders or customer needs.



10:00 h

Juan and his team hold their daily meeting via a video call application..



12:00 h

Juan checks his project management tool to see what tasks are outstanding and the progress of orders.



14:00 h

Juan accesses the budgets made in the cloud, in the shared documentation repository.



17:00 h

With the help of collaborative tools, Juan covers his customer's needs and informs him about the status of the order, as well as the day-to-day running of his business and his team.



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