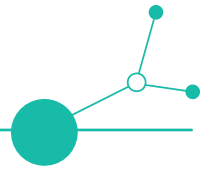


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Welcome to the Virtual Knowledge Centre!

The Virtual Knowledge Centre (VKC) serves as a dynamic repository featuring curated cases, examples, and best practices of innovative financing and support schemes from across Europe and beyond. Our goal is to inspire policymakers, support institutions and finance providers, by highlighting exemplary and highly innovative cases. Whether you are looking to explore new approaches to funding or seeking inspiration for your support schemes, the VKC is your essential resource.

At the VKC, we have categorized various funding schemes into distinct types to provide clarity and ease of navigation. Below, you will find a brief overview of each category, showcasing different methods and instruments used to support business growth and development. Each category highlights unique approaches and successful implementations, offering valuable insights and inspiration.

CATEGORIES OF CASE STUDIES

Equity and quasi equity

This type of scheme includes venture capital investments through the acquisition of shares in a company, and hybrid forms of finance with characteristics of both debt and equity investments. It includes not only schemes providing direct investments/support, but also schemes providing indirect support by facilitating and favouring the access of SMEs and start-ups to private investors and the development of the private equity market.

Loans and guarantees

This type of scheme includes advanced forms of financial instruments, like securitization, patient capital, portfolio guarantees, bullet forms and other innovative forms of financing.

Services and in-kind support

This category includes all the form of support that are not provided through finance but rather through the provision of services, facilities, commodities that can favour the growth and consolidation of a company to increase its possibility to access to financial instruments. Under this category, also support programmes are included, if they are finalized to promote the access to finance as a final scope.



Reward / Impact

This category includes incentives and support based on the generated impact on the company or based on its performances. This type of support scheme can be developed through the valuation of environmental, social and governance (ESG) impacts of a company, or by rewarding its growth and financial performances.

Combined instruments

This category includes all the schemes that are a combination of a financial instrument and a grant in a single operation, like for instance, combination of financial instruments and: capital grants, grant for interest rate and guarantee fee subsidies, grants for technical support, performance-based grants.

Basket bonds / Portfolio instruments

This type of scheme includes all the financial instruments (mainly debt instruments) that refer to groups of companies, intended as joint and collective beneficiaries of the funding.

Then, you will find an index with the cases categorized to help you navigate through the various examples and best practices.

CATEGORY	CASE STUDY
COMBINED INSTRUMENTS	Co-Investment Startup Capital SPAIN ReFI4INN - Pulsatio Meridiana HUNGARY Young Innovative Companies SLOVENIA
EQUITY AND QUASI EQUITY	Equity Fund GREECE Funderbeam Crowdfund CROATIA Guarantee Fund for Venture Capital ITALY
LOANS AND GUARANTEES	startupPlus SK75 - Incentives for starting innovative companies SLOVENIA Subordinated Loan CZECHIA Tranched Cover Piemonte ITALY



REWARD / IMPACT	Focus Area Innovation Support Programme HUNGARY Investment Ready THE NETHERLANDS Technology Incubation CZECHIA
SERVICES AND IN-KIND SUPPORT	Incubation move AUSTRIA Innovation Voucheres IRELAND Pressed Seedfinancing AUSTRIA Silesian Space of Innovations POLAND Startup Factory HUNGARY