



The Portuguese Experience to Promote SME and Entrepreneurship Financing

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IAPMEI's Presentation

- IAPMEI is the public Portuguese agency for SMEs and Innovation
- IAPMEI, was established in 1975
- IAPMEI's main mission is to actively participate in the design and implementation of integrated strategies to support corporate activity, with a special focus on SMEs in view to promote modernisation, innovation and international competitiviness

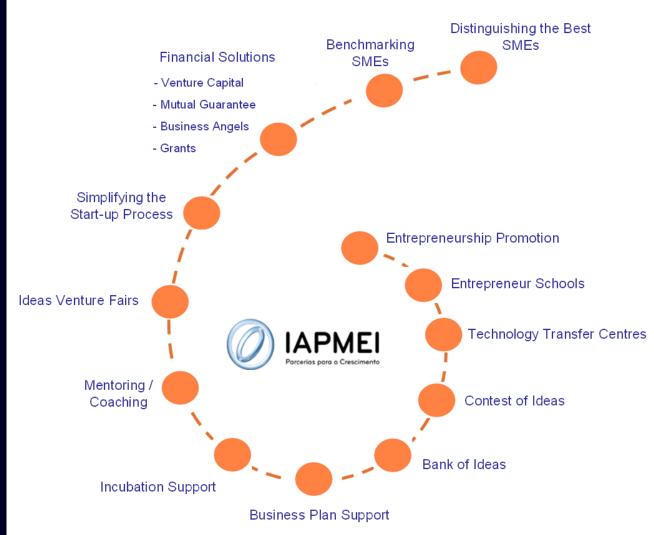








IAPMEI's Entrepreneurship Chain Value





INOFIN - Financial Innovation Programme

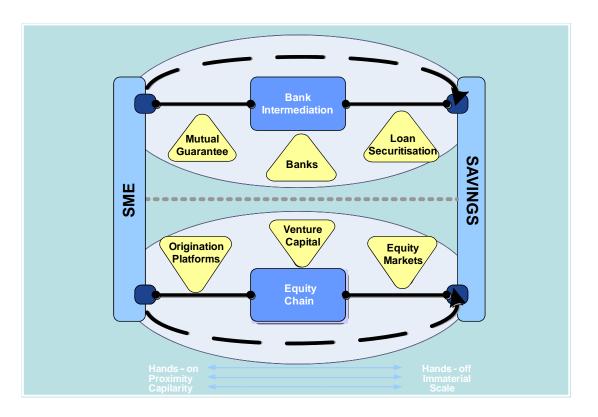
IAPMEI has developed an integrated Financial Innovation Programme, INOFIN, to encourage SMEs to expand and diversify their sources of finance through:

- Venture Capital
- Mutual Guarantee
- Credit Securitization



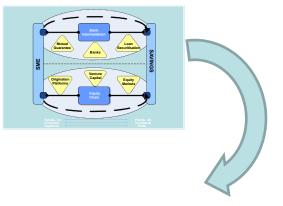
Channeling Savings for SMEs

 IAPMEI's vision: to reduce the existent supply/demand gap in terms of SME financing





Financial Innovation Programme - the Rationale



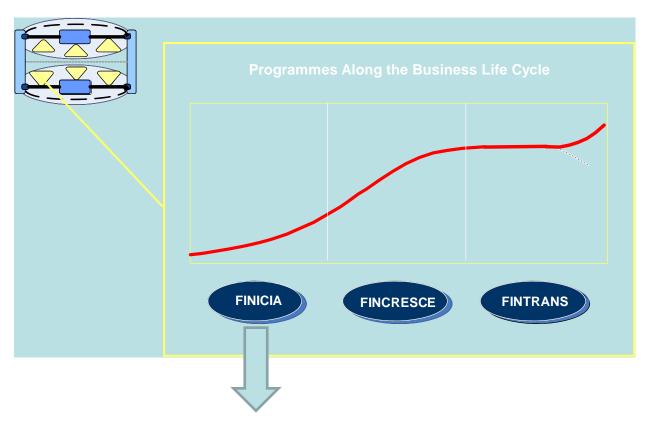
EU SME Support Policies



- Not to focus on direct public schemes such as grant schemes, but to stimulate the efficiency of the bank intermediation process and the range of segments worked by capital markets operators;
- The public incentive mechanisms, together with regulation functions, must act upon the two market subsystems which are the basis of the economy's financing model: debt and equity instruments, risk sharing and transaction costs reduction leading to the allocation of business investment saving.



FINICIA Programme



FINICIA – Access to Finance For Innovation & Start Ups

Facilitating access to finance for Entrepreneurs and Small Companies at the initial phases of their life cycle









FINICIA Areas of Intervention



think global lact local

I. HIGH INNOVATION PROJECTS

II. MICRO BUSINESS START-UPS

III. REGIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVES



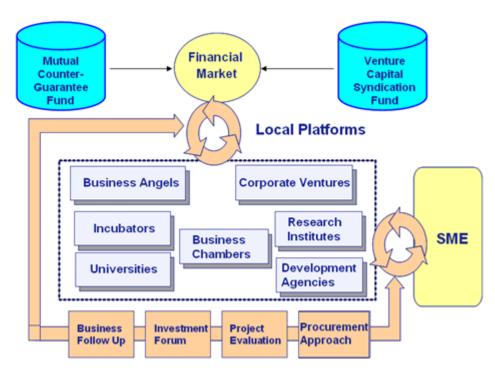






FINICIA Operational Scheme







I. High Innovation Projects

EQUITY

- Up to 85% venture capital financing
- Maximum risk sharing for investments up to 2.5 M €
- Stock Option for the entrepreneur

For Start Ups or companies with High Innovation Projects recognized by IAPMEI









I. High Innovation Projects

How to apply?

SMEs submit application at:
 Venture Capital Companies

 Entrepreneurs must obtain by themselves or with Business Angels 15% of investment capital needs



MICROCREDIT

- Up to 100% financing of investment
- 25,000 euros maximum loan
- Fixed 3 years repayment period
- Designed for the start up/early stage of micro and small companies

This is a normal bank loan <u>but</u> it has a 75% mutual guarantee that has a 80% counter guarantee given by the Public Counter guarantee Fund



CREDIT for EARLY STAGES

- Up to 100% financing of investment (Debt)
- 100,000 euros maximum Ioan
- 5 years repayment period
- Designed for the start up/early stage of micro and small companies

This is a normal bank loan <u>but</u> it has a 75% mutual guarantee that has a 80% counter guarantee given by the Public Counter guarantee Fund









How to apply?

 Presentation of project at a Mutual Guarantee Company or associated Bank

 Companies must join a Mutual Guarantee Society



MICRO VENTURE CAPITAL

- 10 million euros VC Fund specially designed for innovative start-ups and university spin-outs
- Up to 90% venture capital financing, with a maximum of 45,000 euros
- Maximum investment amount of 250,000 euros
- Stock Option for the entrepreneur









How to apply?

Presentation of a New Idea/Business Plan at one of the 85 partners of the 12 FINICIA Platforms, available in Portugal



III. Regional Business Initiatives

Setting up of a Municipality-based Fund (Bank Account)

- Medium-Long Term Bank Loan
 Up to 100% of investment, 45,000 € maximum
- Lengthened repayment period
 3 to 6 years, with 1 year default
- Preferential interest rate for micro and small companies
 - Pre-established fixed spread and mutual guarantee commission



III. Regional Business Initiatives

How to apply?

Previous condition: Creation of local Funds

- Application for financing to be submitted at local FINICIA partner
- Company must join a Mutual Guarantee Society



DNA Cascais is an organization created by Cascais City Hall in partnership with IAPMEI (Portuguese Agency for Smes) and BPI Bank, in September 2006.

Cascais has 180,000 inhabitants.

DNA means... Development of New Attitudes.











- DNA launch dinner at 7th Nov. 2006
- 25 Outdoors
- More than 100 Muppies
- 5 Public Sessions in Cascais Municipality





- Universities Road-Show
- Congresses and Workshops
- · DNA Cascais web site
- Press News
- Mouth to mouth







In Cascais:

"You only need your entrepreneur DNA!"















Entrepreneur Schools - 1st edition

- 80 teachers and 2500 students from 10th to 12th grade had access to training.
- The Program of Economy for Success was developed and involved 1500 students of the 9th grade.







☐ Entrepreneur Schools
Business Ideas
Contest

150 applications from students and teachers from Cascais Schools



☐ I Cascais Business Ideas Contest

250 applications received







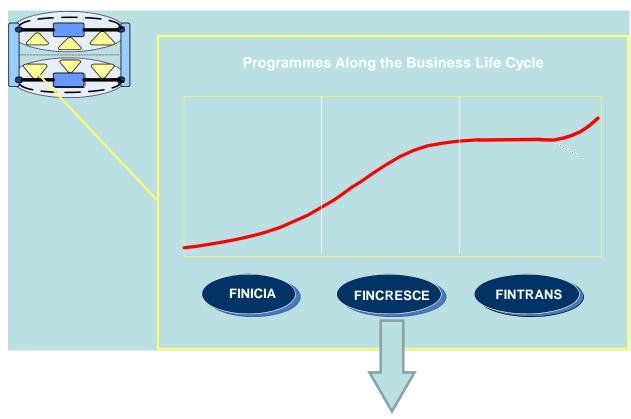


FINICIA Achievements

- √ 12 Regional Platforms
- √ 85 Municipality Protocols
- √ 1 FINICIA Venture Capital Fund (€10M)
- ✓ 3 Credit Lines with major Banks
- √ 450 Approved Financing Operations
- √ €39M Total Financing
- ✓ Over 1200 New Jobs



FINCRESCE Programme



Launched to contribute to the optimisation of financing conditions for companies that are following growth strategies and reinforcement of their competitive base. Intervention fields:

Risk Profile Assessment, Communication with the Market and Differentiated Financial Products and Services.



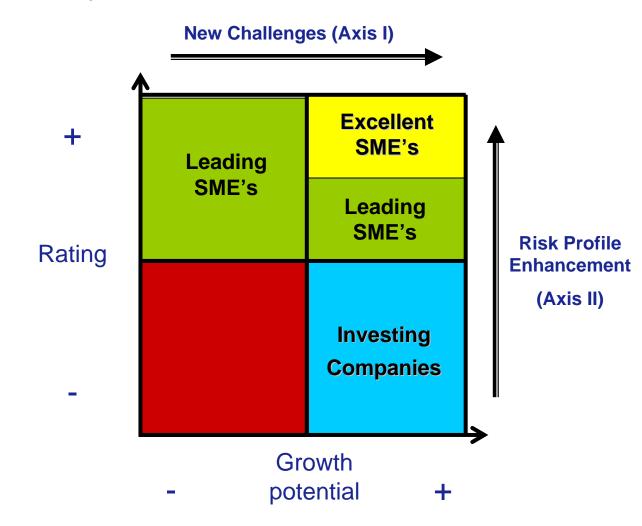






FINCRESCE Model

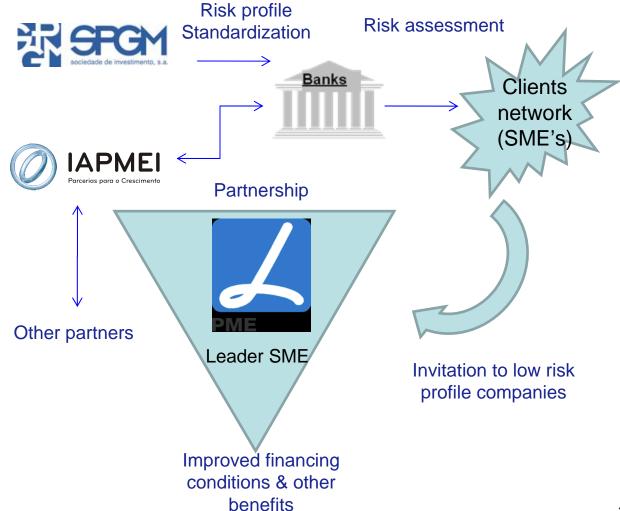
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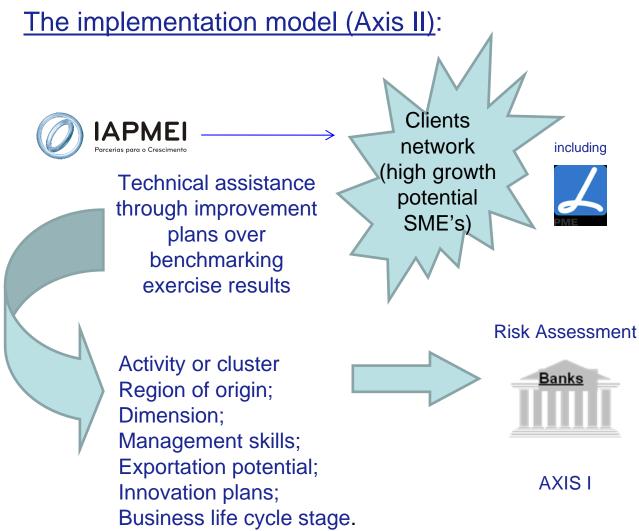
FINCRESCE Rationale

The implementation model (Axis I):





FINCRESCE Rationale



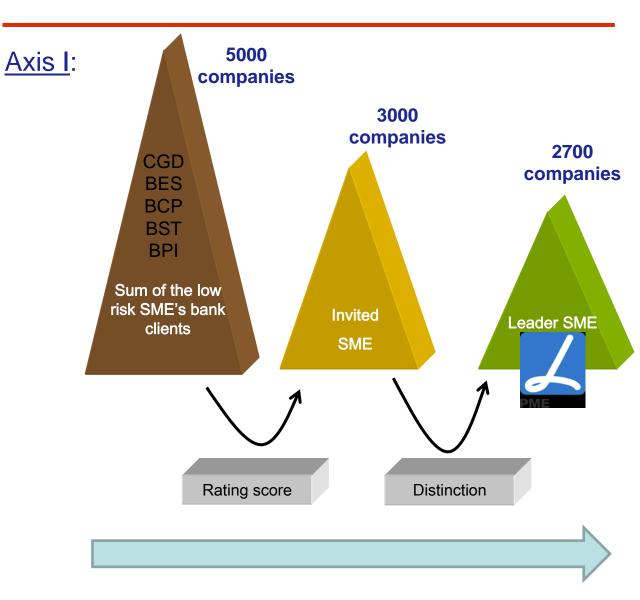








FINCRESCE Selection Process





FINCRESCE Achievements

- Full involvement of the 5 major banks in Portugal;
- Other partners are actively involved in attributing more benefits & improved service conditions to Leader SMEs;
- Over 2000 distinguished SMEs.





Thank You!

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