

# Who are we?

- Flemish government agency
   Located in Brussels + 5 provincial offices
   370 employees
- Goal:
  - → To promote more and better entrepreneurship in Flanders
  - → to inform, advise and encourage Flemish entrepreneurs and companies
  - → Complementary to FIT (internationalisation)
- ▶ € 520 MIO subsidies



# What do we do?

- Focus on:
  - → Stimulating growth and innovation
    - ▶ Financially support companies via subsidies to allow them to grow, transform or innovate
    - ► F.i. SME-portfolio, SME growth subsidy, SME innovation projects and R&D projects
  - → Stimulating entrepreneurship
    - Cooperation with strong partners who can guide SMEs from (pre)start over growth to merger & acquisition
    - Supporting of netwerking aimed at growing companies
  - → Supporting clusters
    - Support of organisations who initiate cooperation and a dynamics amongst a group of companies or knowledge institutions
  - → Stimulation of environment factors
    - ▶ Facilitating a.o. the development of industrial estates and foreseeing in adequate housing for corporations





# How to finance your start-up?

Method	Incentives and leverage structures in the Flanders Region
own money	Notional Interest Deduction (NID)
friends, family & fans	PMV: Win-win loan Tax shelter for start-ups
crowdfunding	
bank financing	Participation Fund Flanders: Startloan+, SME- cofinancing PMV: Governmental guarantee
venture capital	BAN Flanders + SME-cofinancing PMV: Seed & Early stage PMV: Arkimedes
Find your optimal financing mix via FINMIX	



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# **FINMIX**



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#### What is FINMIX?

- Panel of financing experts
- Experts give advice on:
  - feasability
  - financing



- Entrepreneur looking for alternative financing:
- ▶ Bankfinancing uncertain and bankfinancing alone is impossible:
  - Delayed revenue because of the technological and/or innovative character
  - > A large need for working capital to finance a fastened growth
  - Own funds and guarantees are insufficient in comparison to the capital need







# **FINMIX** targetgroup

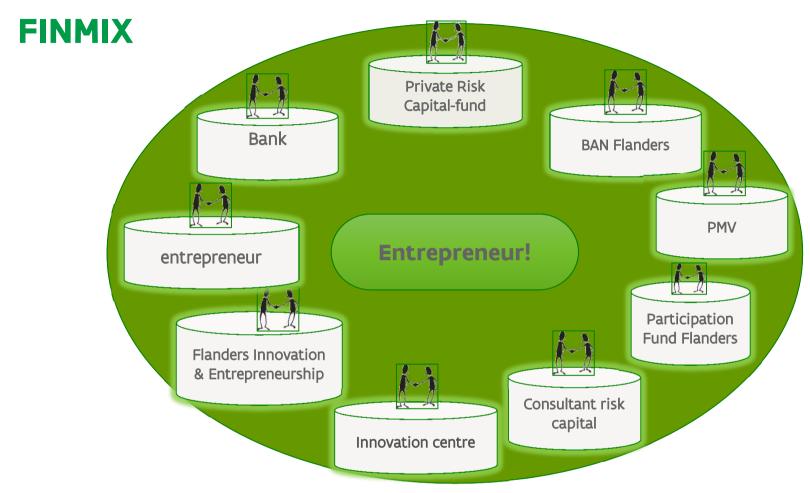
- Easily accessible:
  - Every type of entrepreneur
    - Candidate-start-up
    - Start-up
    - Scale-up grow-up
    - Acquisition
  - Legal form
    - > Independent
    - Company
  - Every sector
    - > Exc. agriculture
    - > Exc. non-profit associations
- Conditions for establishment:
  - Foundation/installation and/or added value in Flanders











- ▶ Free of charge
- ▶ 11 sessions per year

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# Why participate in FINMIX?



Fine-tuning business plan



#### Experts:

- → Critical view on the business plan by the experts
- → Financial advice



Check upon public funding

- ⇒ Reduction of the hunt for financing
- ⇒ Optimize the search for financing







### Facts & figures

- Started in March 2012
- Number of applications: 236
- ▶ Number of participating entrepreneurs: 123
- ▶ Number of panels ytd: 39
- ▶ Sectors: ICT business services (e.g. marketing) cleantech & energy
- Outcome for entrepreneurs who participated in the panel
  - → Accelerate the implementation of their business plan
  - → Optimizing and improve their business plan
  - → Use own resources
  - → Get introduced to the right funding partners







# Other FINMIX panels

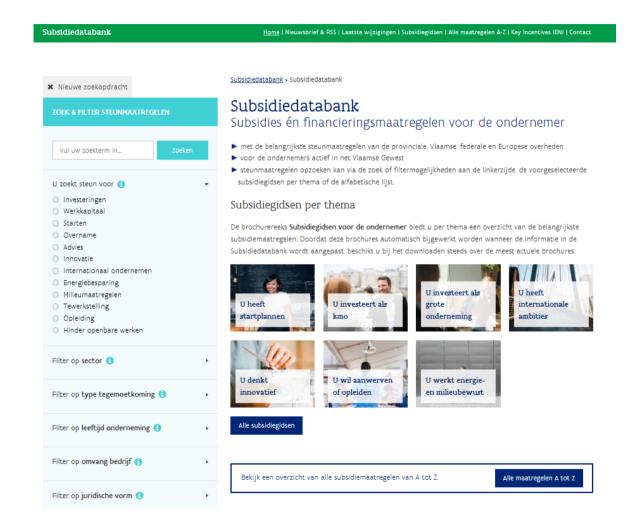
- FINMIX International with Flanders Investment & Trade
  - Financing of international projects
    - > Export of goods
    - > Foreign establishment of Belgian company
    - Project outside Belgium
- FINMIX ICT with iMinds
- FINMIX light: creative sector with FDC
- As from 2017: collaboration with subsidized projects of AIO: E&Y, Netwerk Ondernemen, Sirris and Voka







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