



FI. State-of-play in Estonia.

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AGENDA

- Why do anything?
- Why use FI?
- How are we doing now and in the future?
- Lessons learned?









Why do anything?

- We are still lagging behind
- ESIF a one-off change effort
- Some known market failures
 - Lack of available finance for new ventures
 - Lack of guarantees and securities
 - Unsuitable loan and guarantee instruments (for new ventures)
- Come crisis ...









Why use FI?

- Circulation effect
 - e.g. 6x for the new guarantees' scheme
 - 1 public EUR brings 4-5 private EUR
- Less addiction on foreign funds
 - currently around 15% of State Budget
- More options on the table
 - Out-of-the-box vs. tailor-made
 - "For FI to be attractive, flexibility is needed"









How are we doing now and in the future?

- 2007-2013 SF-funded FI via KredEx
 - Start-up loan: 9,2 mln / 366 deals
 - Business loan/guarantee: 75 mln / 255 deals
 - Subordinated loan: 9 mln / 41 deals
- 2014-2020: 145,5 M EUR in ESI FUNDS
 - 2500+ SME projects
 - 300 credit deals
 - 60+ investments in startups*









Lessons learned

- Ex ante assessment is good for you, and ...
 - an assessment of the health of your clients
 - it is a *living* document
- Local AND foreign expertise is a great mix
- Listen to your market
 - Our raison d'etre
- Be creative and always remember why



















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