

« Innovative Business Incubators: A general overview in Europe »

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- The **European Network of BI³Cs**, incubators, innovation and entrepreneurship Centres
- An organised Network of 200+ Business Support Centers covering most regions of **EU 25**
- An initiative taken **20 years ago** by the EC and european industry leaders
- A **dynamic cluster** of clusters with 20.000+ entrepreneurs inside the active portfolio

Key - words



- Entrepreneurship
- Innovation
- Incubation
- Networking
- Angels
- Technology
- Clusters
- Spin-off
- Public Private Partnership
- Competitiveness
- International Partnering

Everybody is speaking about:



- Benchmarking —————> Co-mparison
- B2B —————> Business co-operation
- Clustering —————> Coop-etition
- Upstream Collaboration —————> Co-incubation
- Web – portals —————> Sharing ressources, information
... maybe designing Co-mmon tools
- Internationalisation —————> Let's go to CEBIT & China !
Sychrome

EC Policy makers have recognized the value of « innopreneurship »



- Declaration of Lisbon
- Regional Policy (Yesterday, today & tomorrow)
- R&D / Innovation Policy (15% - 3%)
- IAP, CIP, FP6/7
- Social cohesion issues >>> red tape/Bolkenstein
- Rural economical development policy
- ETAP (Environment Technology)
- Enterprise Policy + Lisbon Competitiveness
- Other international organisations (ESA, WB, OECD, Unesco, CERN, ...)

Core competences & Market credibility: Focus or die

- One-stop shops / First-stops shops
- Segmentation
- Focus
- Core-competences
- Consistency in time
- Leadership
- Long-term vision
- Clever Networking
- Regional systems
- Know-how → Know-who !
- Local credibility → Transnational credibility!

SUPPORTING NEW ENTREPRENEURS is a serious business



Not an empty, generic, superficial support!
Just like being or acting as an Entrepreneur!

- Serious **people**
- Serious **processes**
- Serious **technologies**
- Serious **commitment**
- Serious **time-frame**
- Serious **input**
- Serious **output**
- Serious **partners**
- Serious **impact**

**Let's get SERIOUS → it's a matter of
functionnal reality, not virtual reality**

The PROCESS is the key

- Modifying climate / creating atmosphere
- Detecting-it
- Creating traffic & critical mass
- Creating the confidence
- Playing selectivity
- Working on the content
- Simulating/Calculating/Planning/Modelizing
- Guiding & Coaching
- Providing physical incubator facilities
- Incubating, monitoring & following-up
- Helping to raise finance
- Connecting & Networking with other institutions



This **PROCESS** should:

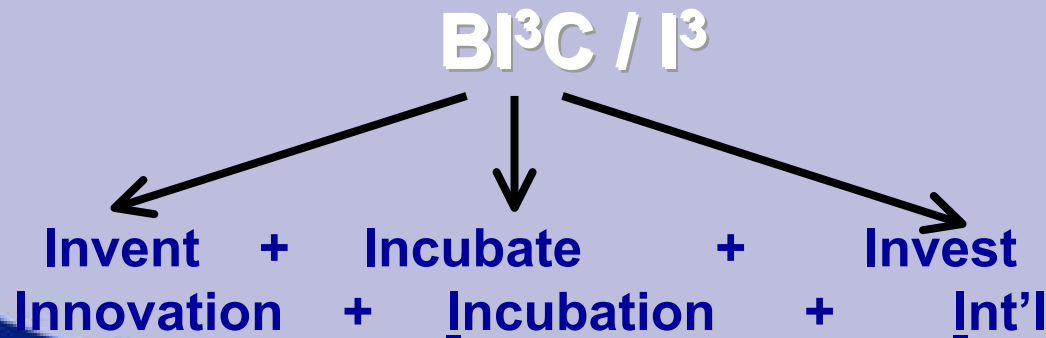


- Implemented by a **MINI-SYSTEM**:
 - cheap & flexible
 - plugable
 - Embedded micro-processor
 - « darwinian » peripherals
- Look at different **target group**:
 - start – ups
 - existing SMEs
 - public bodies
 - spin-off / spin-out
 - individuals
 - Large Entreprises

This is a BIC! ..a BI³C or an I³!



- A **tool** for the regional economical development
- A creator of **new innovative enterprises**
- A developer of **innovative projects** in existing SMEs
- An operating agent of public-policy related entrepreneurship and innovation **programmes** financed by EU, Region, State
- An EC-labeled specialized business support player (Ref. B2Europe)



Partnering

Competence development & market positioning



- Starts locally, regionally.
- Evolved naturally within obvious networks
 - Cross-boarder
 - ad-hoc networks
- Should be nurtured adequately from a solid core-competence
 - Genetically compatible
 - Market – feasible
 - Humility & hands – on driven
- Could become truly international —————> but what is the priority?

Incubators & BICs in Networking



- Open Systems
- Flexible patterns
- B2Europe spirit

IRC EIC
BIC NCP

- Cooperative Networking

RDA STP
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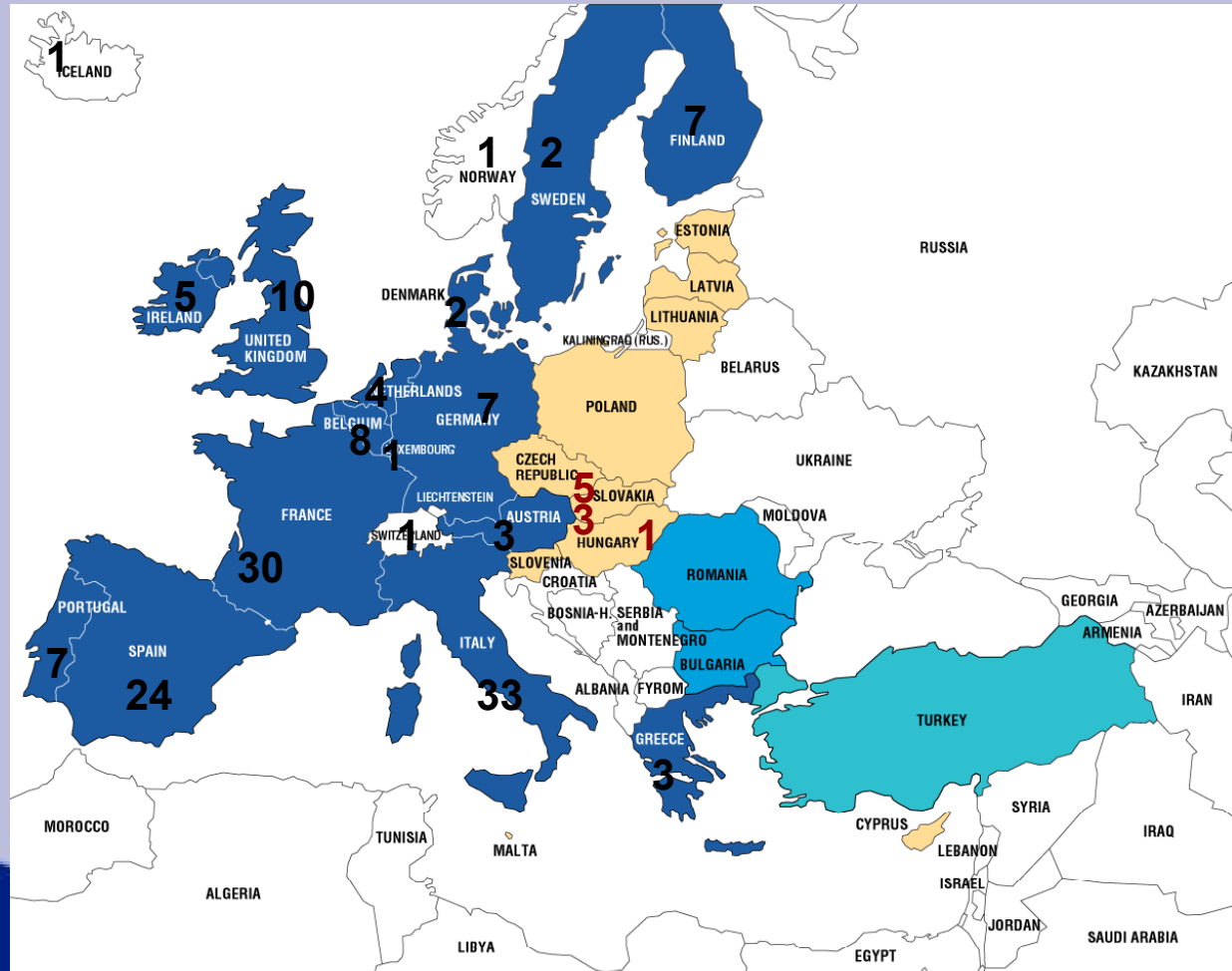
- Multiple Actors / Multi-measures programming

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European BIC Network



155 BICs
188M€
1902 Staff
9 in AC's
(230 Members)



BIC / Incub. Core Business



Projects

DETECTION

SELECTION

EVALUATION

GUIDANCE

FOLLOW-UP

NO-FAKING



Programs



EU,
NATIONAL,
LOCAL



ACT
LOCALLY

THINK
GLOBALLY

Core Business



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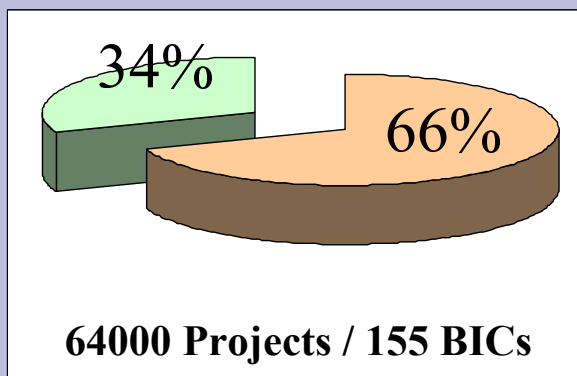
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Own Promotional Methods

- Direct Prospecting
- Events
- Trainings
- Awareness seminars
- Associations & Clubs
- Competitions & Grants
- Programs
- Media (Press, web, Radio, TV)



Intermediaries

- BIC Board
- BIC Talent Pool
- BIC Clients
- BIC Partners

Indicators:

34 / 100k€ Budget

34 / BIC Staff

Core Business



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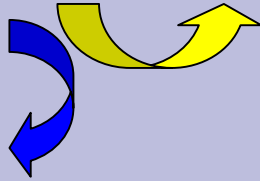
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66%

Signposting



For Creations

Added Value + Sustainable Jobs

- Technology Push
- Market Pull
- New Services
- Territorial Marketing

For existing SMEs

Maintain Jobs + Competitiveness

- New Product, Service, or Process
- Internationalisation
- Taking-over a Family-owned SME
- New Commercial Approach
- Organisational Change (HR, venture...)



38 % Technological Projects

Core Business



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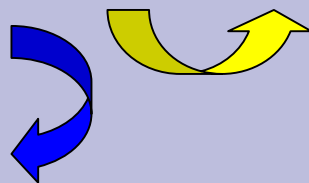
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14.000 projects of creation pass risk analysis

METHODS

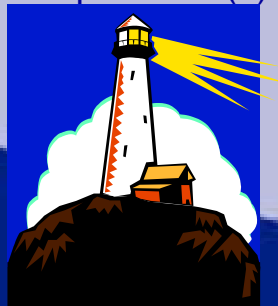
- Templates (check list, scores)
- Software (skills etc.)
- External expertise (entrepreneurial skills)
- Talent pool of experts (Market, IP, ...)
- Evaluation committee
- Formal presentation by the promoter(s)

CREATIONS

OUTPUT of the EVALUATION PROCESS

- Formal Meeting
 - Report (Risk Analysis)
 - Label (levering effect)
 - Action plan
 - Contract
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- Diagnostics
 - Contract

+/- 16 hours / project



Core Business

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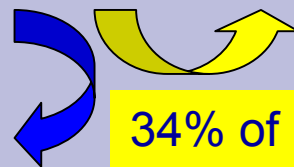
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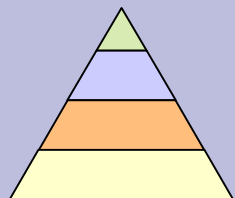
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34% of initial projects

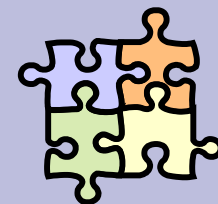
FOR CREATIONS: a single process

- Strategic Planning: 6.000 Business plans established
- 3.800 new SMEs created
- 3.200 SMEs hosted
- 10.500 jobs created
- Access to a Talent pool of 9.400 experts



FOR EXISTING SMEs: 4 action lines

- 8.000 customised supports (specific projects)
- 6.000 SME included in programmes
- 2.300 SWOT analysis
- 10.000 SMEs in training programmes



+/- 40 hours / project

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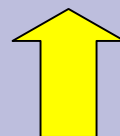
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The Client.



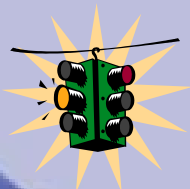
OBJECTIVE 2
BIC Improvement



100%

3
years

Signposting



Core Business : KSF



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Management

- Acknowledgment and Consensus (Financing, Signposting Process)
- Clear Positioning and Strategy (Programs : Specific Needs, Sectors)
- Financial Engineering (Benchmarking)

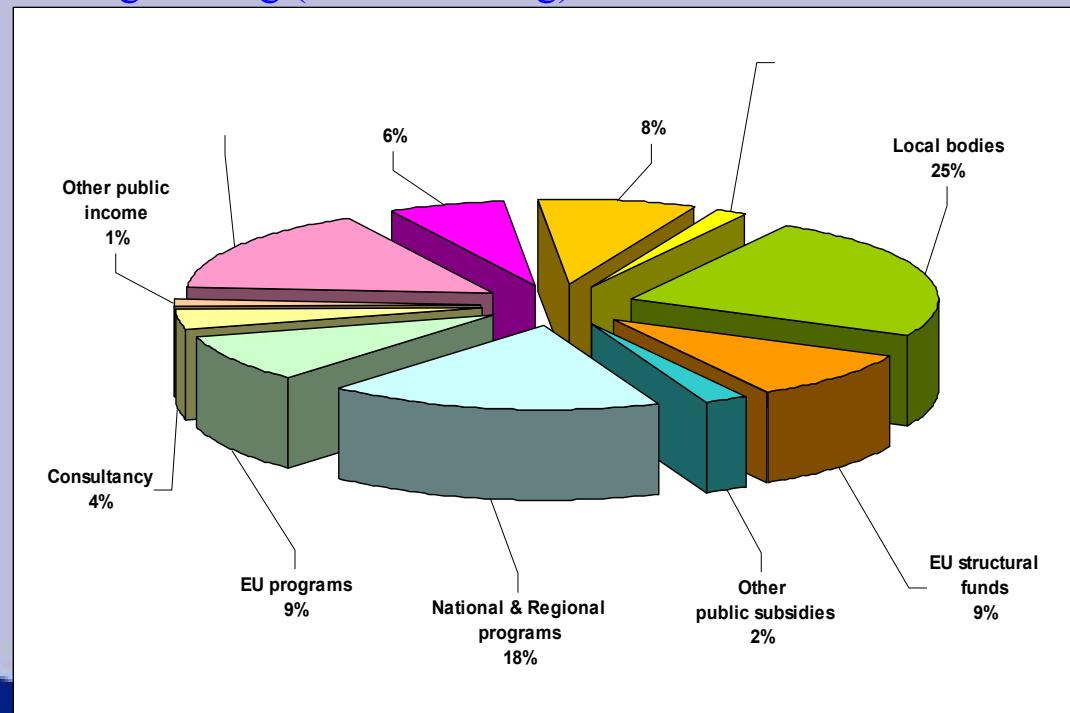
36% = Public subsidies

28% = Public €

36% = Private €



Quality



Core Business = Projects+Programs



DETECTION



- Diagnostics
- Prospecting Labs
- Women Entrepreneurship
- Spin-outs
- Entrepreneurship training
- Competitions / Grants

SELECTION

EVALUATION



- Tools

GUIDANCE



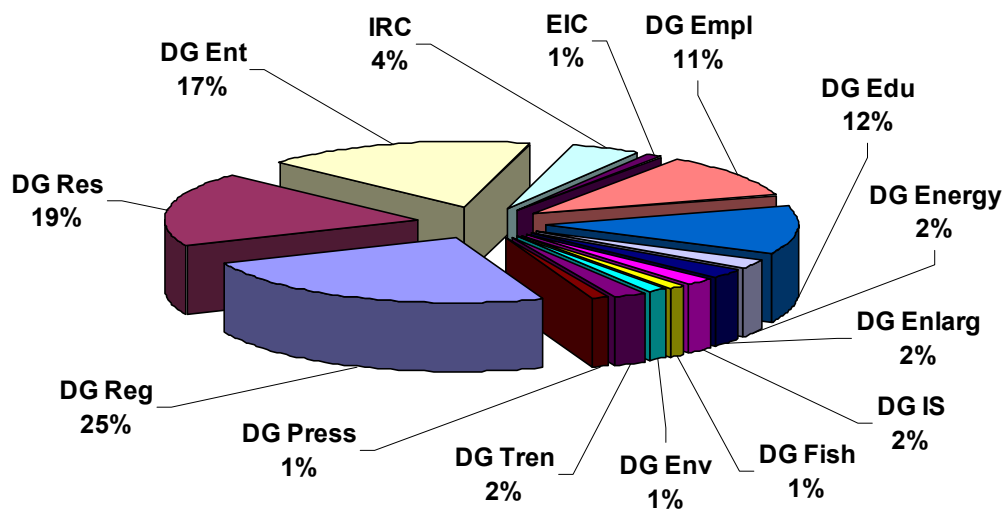
- Internationalisation
- Vocational Trainings
- Clustering
- Sector-Specific

FOLLOW-UP

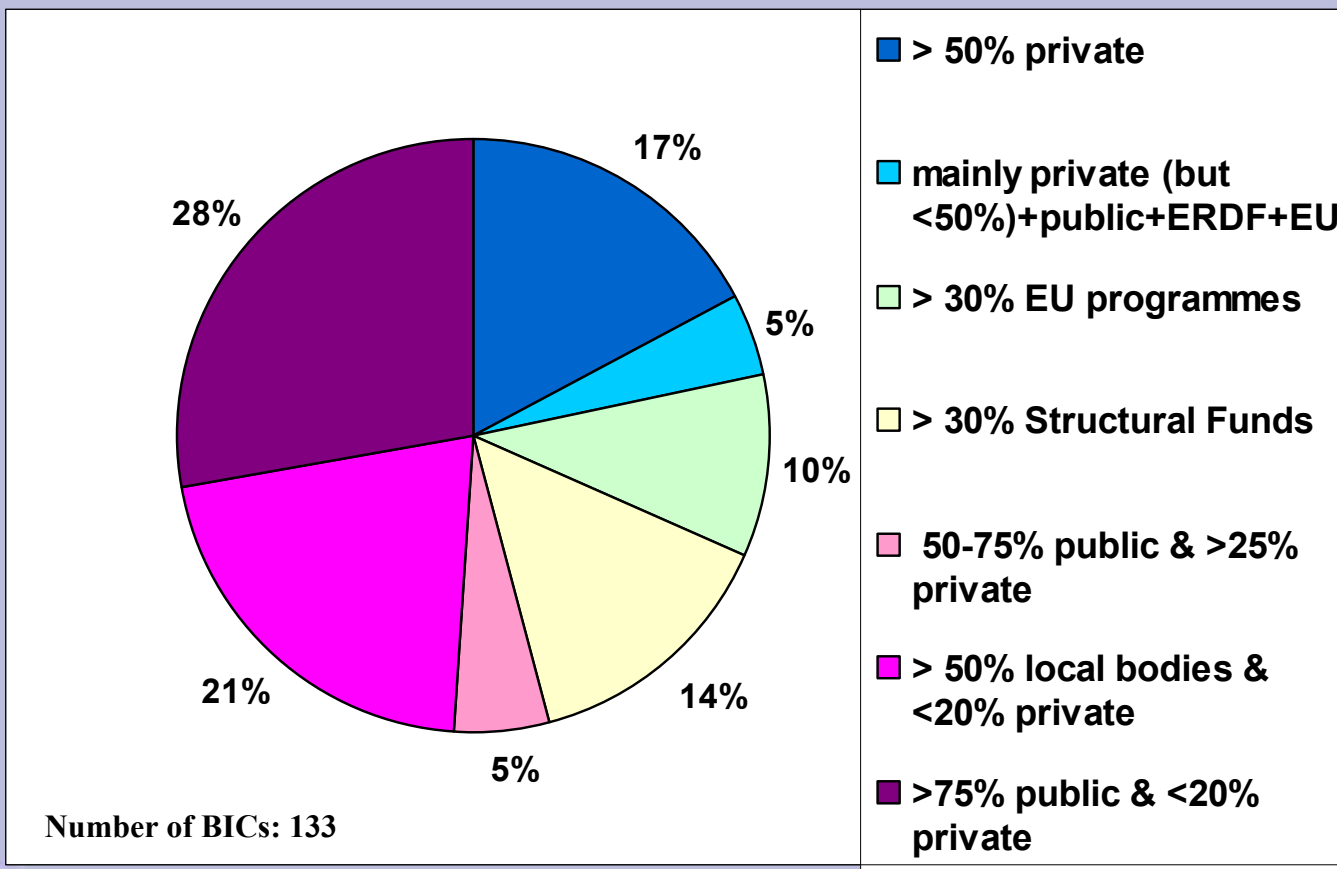


54% are
Regional
or National
Programs

2/3 of EU
financing
comes from
DG. Res, Ent.
or Reg.



BICs' Business Models



The Business model - 1

Exploitation of new business opportunities

Economic analysis
(for each cluster
or business area involved)

Local or business area plans

Business opportunity maps
(Competitiveness and business
opportunities)

Promotional campaigns

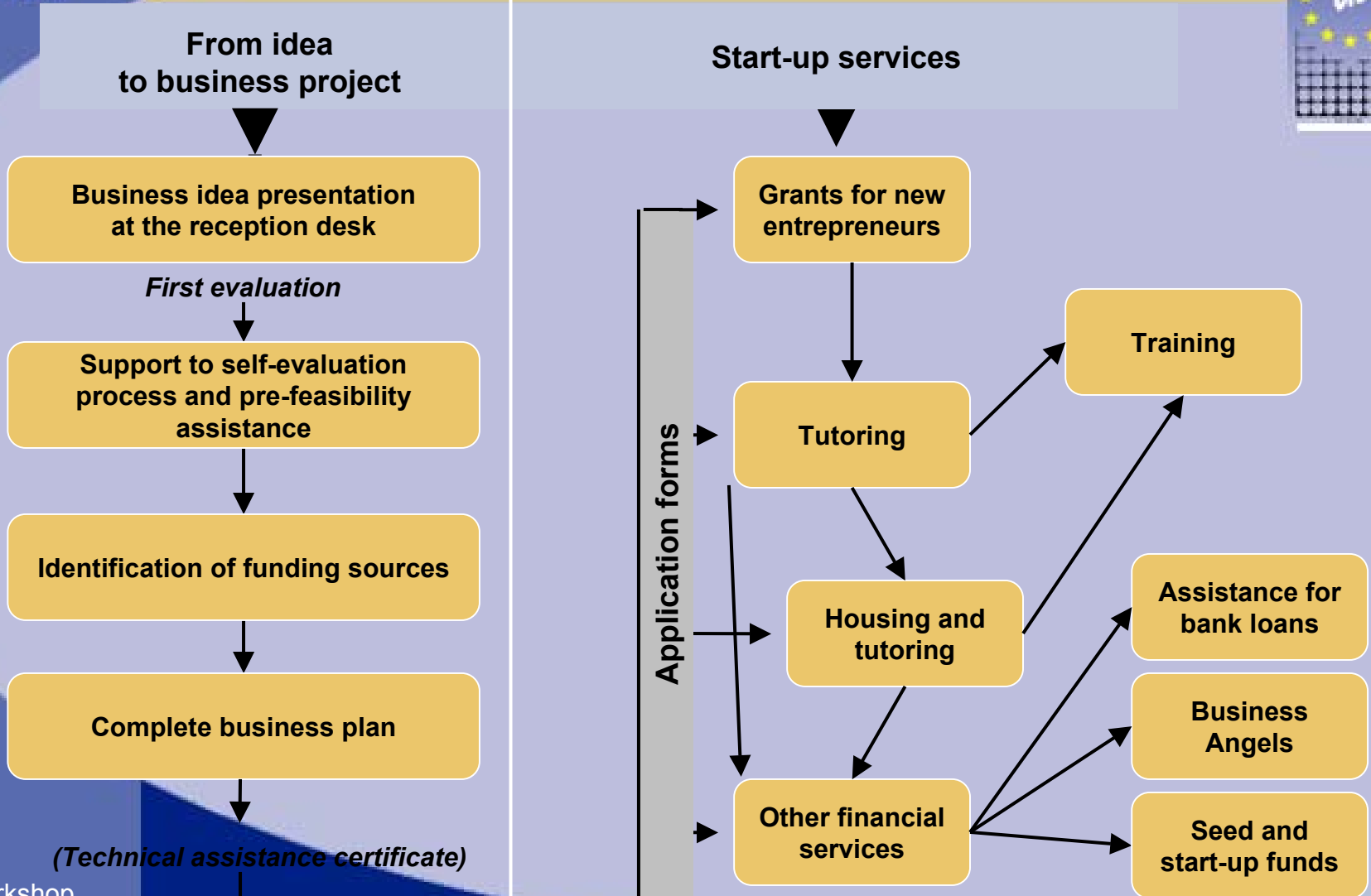
Help desks:
counselling and training

Assistance to enterprise creation

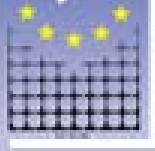
From idea to business project: "the Nursery"

Start-up services

The Business model - 2



Incubators – 80's



- Part of the re-launch productive plan, the first incubators were located in empty industrial buildings;
- The first start-ups were spin-offs operating in engineering and industrial-maintenance sectors;
- Incubators offered basically only housing and financial services for start-ups;
- Public/private organizations aimed at supporting the creation of SMEs and tools for regional and local development;
- Expansion mainly in less favored area;
- Role of promoting entrepreneurship thanks to a bottom-up approach (business planning, vocational training programs).

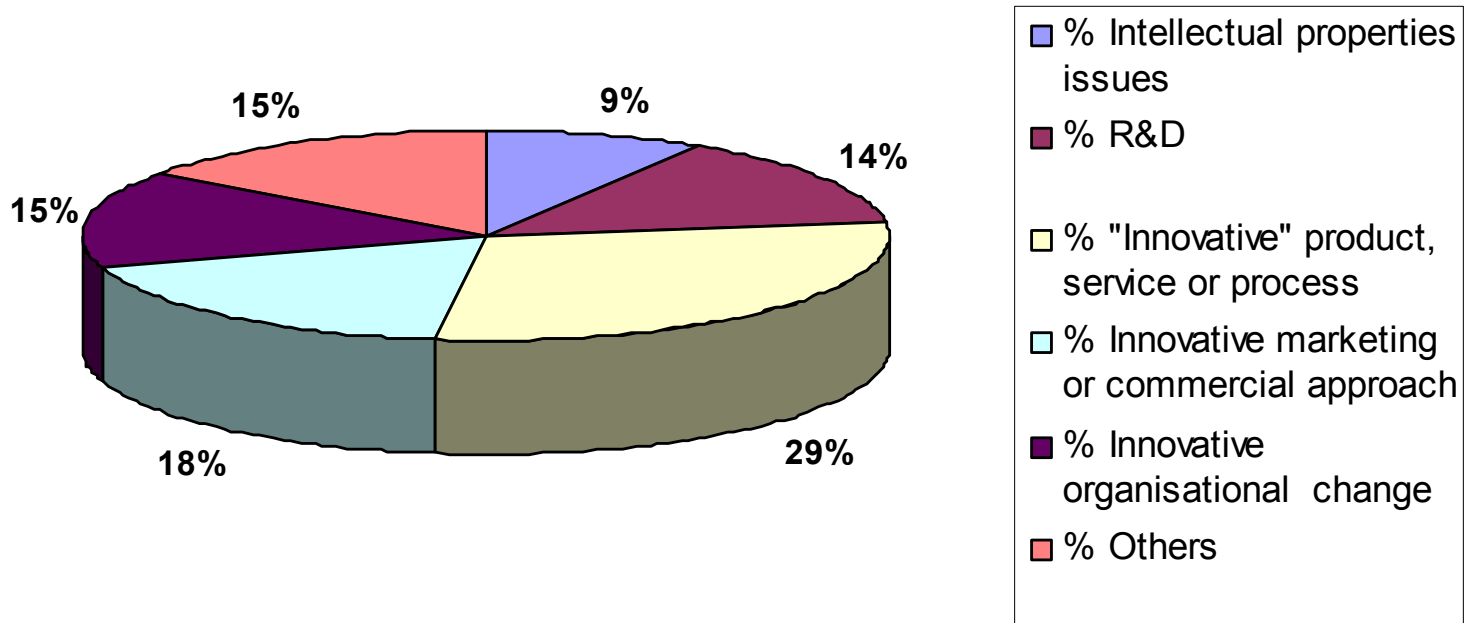
Incubators – 90's



- Customized Business Model that focused both on the local context and on the requirements of its local network;
- Local development agencies financing new SMEs;
- Vocational training centers for new SMEs;
- Service providers for start-ups in Techno Parks;
- Service providers that offered services other than housing;
- Increase of the quality of services;
- Incubators were much more focused on ICT sector, as a result they modified their basic facilities;
- Consequently networks of specialized incubators sprung up;
- Link with other business support organizations, Chambers of Commerce, research Centres, Universities, etc.;
- High value services for innovative start-ups have been delivered; Universities incubators.

SME Projects' profiles

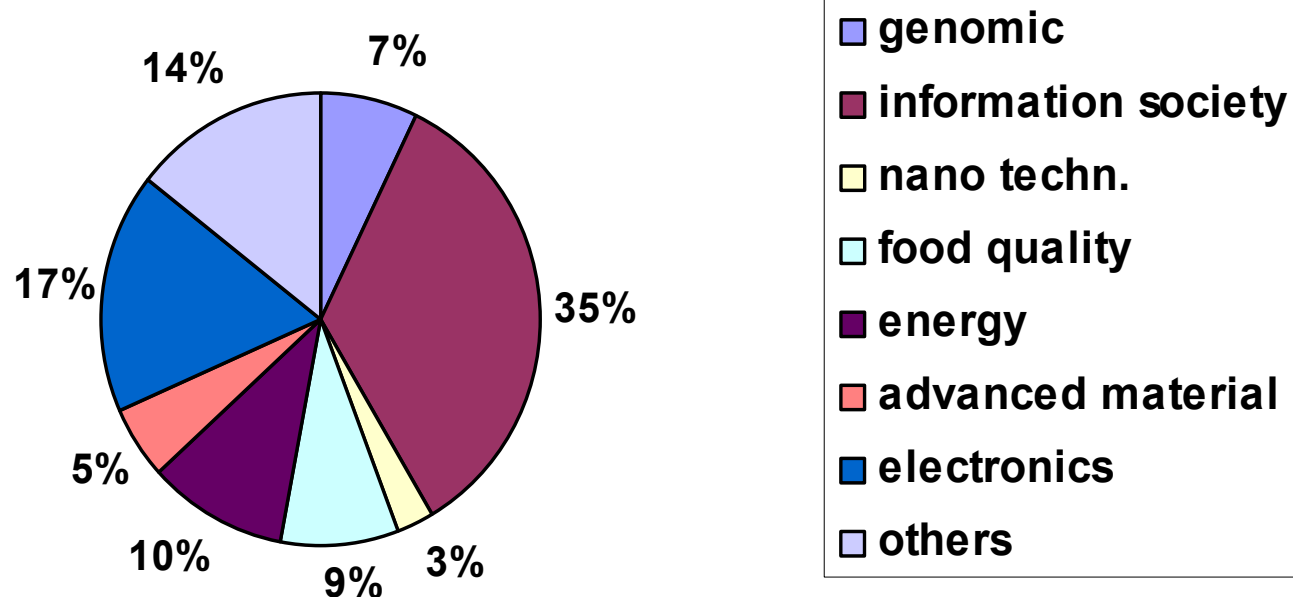
BIC Projects' Profiles - Existing SMEs



BICs' results - Types of Projects

	Number of projects selected in 2003	% of technological projects	Number of technological projects
Creation of enterprises	14.000	30% Incl. 10% spin off	4.200
Existing SMEs	8.000	52%	4.200
Total number of technological projects			8.400

Technological Innovation Projects



Results – Start-up creation



European BICs	
n. contacts with potential entrepreneurs	64,000
n. projects selected by BICs	14,000
n. business plans completed	6,000
n. start ups created	3,800
n. enterprises hosted in BICs incubator	3,200
n. jobs created by enterprises hosted	17,400

Cumulative results, year 2003

Results – support existing SMEs

European BICs	
n. SMEs having benefited from BIC support activities	16,000
n. SME diagnostically checked by BICs	9,000
n. SMEs involved in innovative programs managed by BICs	2,300
n. SMEs having benefited from training program by BICs	10,000

Cumulative results, year 2003

BICs structure



	Age of BIC*	Annual budget x BIC*	Population coverage x BIC*	Operating team x BIC*
BICs in Europe	8.9 years	1.18 M€	1,304,246	12

* average numbers

Incubators: 9 recommendations

- 1 Incubators are not hotels for enterprises, but are Centers for local development and enterprise creation;
- 2 Incubators operate on three levels and provide services to three different target/clients;
- 3 The type and size of the incubators depend on the context where they operate;
- 4 The organization of office facilities and the services mix depend on the kind of enterprise to which they are directed;
- 5 Housing is always a temporary condition in an incubator, and “innovative” enterprises are preferred; hosting is always paid by the enterprises;
- 6 The selection process must be formalized and transparent; moreover, the “chart of services” offered by the incubator must be clear;
- 7 The building up of incubators needs European/state/regional financing; nevertheless, the EU programs are of central importance;
- 8 Management costs must be financed by services;
- 9 At least one of the following location factors must exist:
 - to be near an industrial area
 - to be near an urban area
 - to be close to other knowledge based providers able to promote businesses and innovation development.

The future



From a physical incubator to the incubation process:

- Focus on pre-incubation phase to detect new innovative projects aimed to offer tailor made services along with other business support organizations;
- Deliver high level start-up services to support networking among SMEs;
- Promote trans-regional and trans-national networks to improve the positioning on the global market of new SMEs

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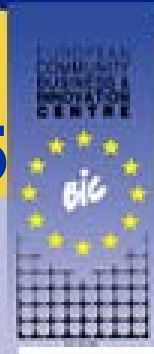
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SECTION 1: Mission and legal status

Section 1.1: Creation of the BIC

1.1.1 Was your BIC created as a complete new entity?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Question still to be answered

If YES - enter the date of creation and go directly to section 1.2

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- An idea-box;
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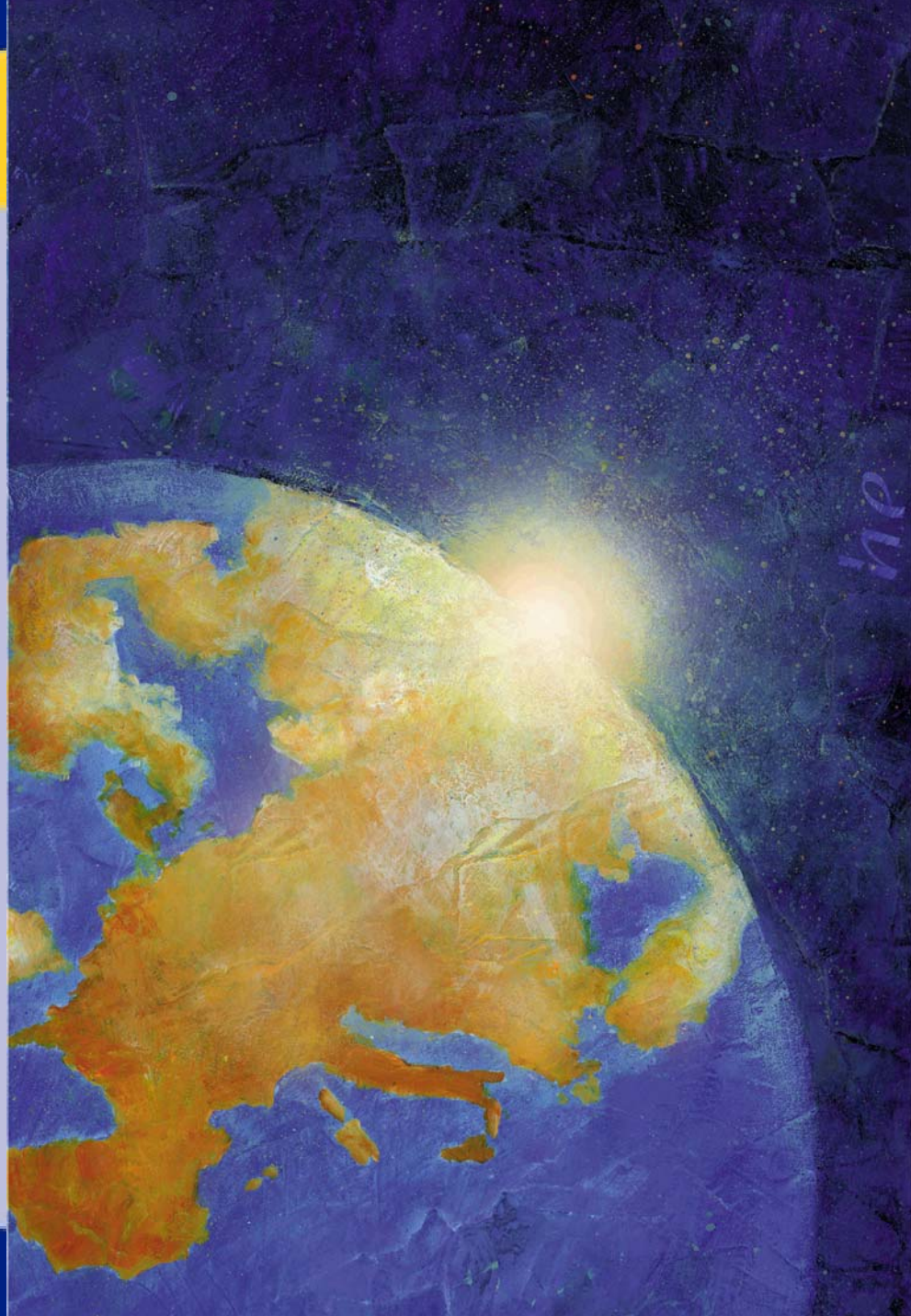
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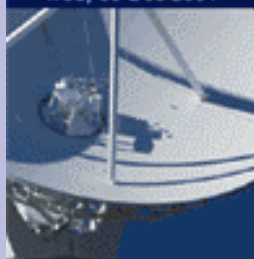
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TELECOMMUNICATION, TELE-EDUCATION OR TELE-MEDICINE

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If you are ready to participate in EC funded projects in support of your business plans;

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