

#### Thematic Working Group - Support for Start Ups and Spin-Offs

# **Presentation of Case Study**

Ideen -/GründerFONDS HAMBURG (Idea- and Seed Fund)

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# Ideen- and GründerFONDS

Process Model and Accompanying Activities/Programs

Idea Development Sample/Prototype **Business Plan Capital Generation** M Awareness Preparation Foundation Support Feasibility raising & of the of the of the D of Start-Up entrepreneurial Foundation Company Company Ε education **Pre-seed Capital Seed Capital Venture Capital** 



hep start-up jobs

GründerFONDS

BG, BTG (Hamburg)
KfW (national)
VC Funds
Strategic Ventures

IdeenFONDS





## Pre-seed Fund



#### **IdeenFONDS**

- focused on individuals:
  - willing and having the ability of funding a business
  - having an innovative idea in a technology field
  - planning to create marketable products
- financial support:
  - individuals receive up to 2 x 50.000 € for the development of their business ideas
- successfully working since 2002
- 19 supported individuals 

  ⇒ 14 existing companies, >83 employees
- managed by TuTech Innovation GmbH









## Pre-seed Fund



#### hep start-up jobs

- focused on founders of universities and R&D institutes:
  - having an innovative idea in a technology field
  - having the ability of funding a business
  - starting their own company
- financial support:
  - founders receive 2.000 € per month up to 12 month and up to 3 founders per business idea to cover their living expenses in the first period of the foundation of their company
- successfully working since 1999
- 82 start-up jobs \$\ightharpoonup 42 existing companies, drop out rate < 20%, >319 employees
- managed by TuTech Innovation GmbH













## Seed Fund

#### Hamburger GründerFONDS

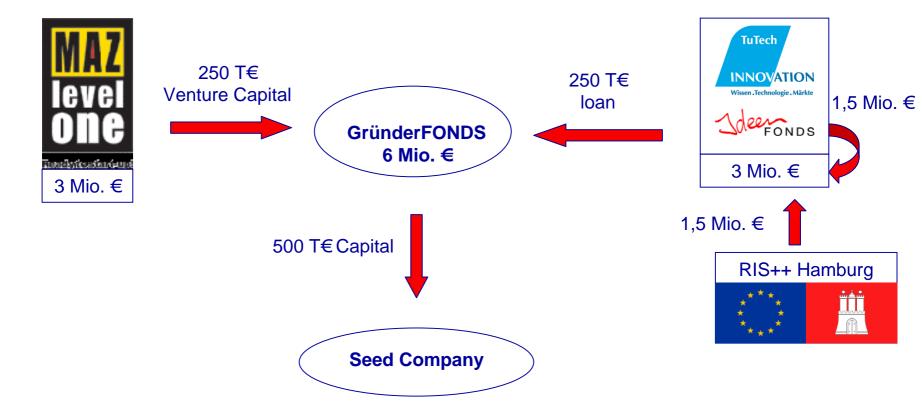
- focused on High-Tech start-ups:
- financial support:
  - 500.000€ of which 50% are refinanced through RIS++ in form of a loan repayable in case of success
  - success and sustainibility is secured through
    - an interdisciplinary and competent committee
    - Professional support
- successfully working since 2003
- approval of 10 investments, some in cooperation with other investors
- managed by MAZ level one







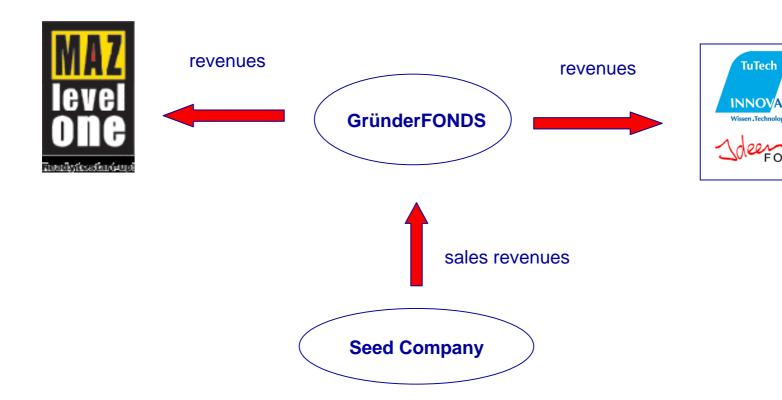
# GründerFONDS Financing of an investment







# GründerFONDS Revenue







# Effectiveness and Added Value

#### **PROS**

- The overall results expected were achieved.
- Both funds are embedded in a network of support activities and programs to promote innovative entrepreneurship in Hamburg.
- The success rate is high.
- A large number of additional investors – VCs, Business Angels, Private Funds, Public R&D Programs – have been involved.

#### CONS

- The interconnectivity of the different funds has not achieved the expected level, despite the personal and institutional interaction.
- The absolute number of startups is insufficient.
- The public and the published interest is not as high as necessary.
- There are only few strategic investors.





# Thanks for your attention!

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