

# Portuguese Experience on Venture Capital Instruments

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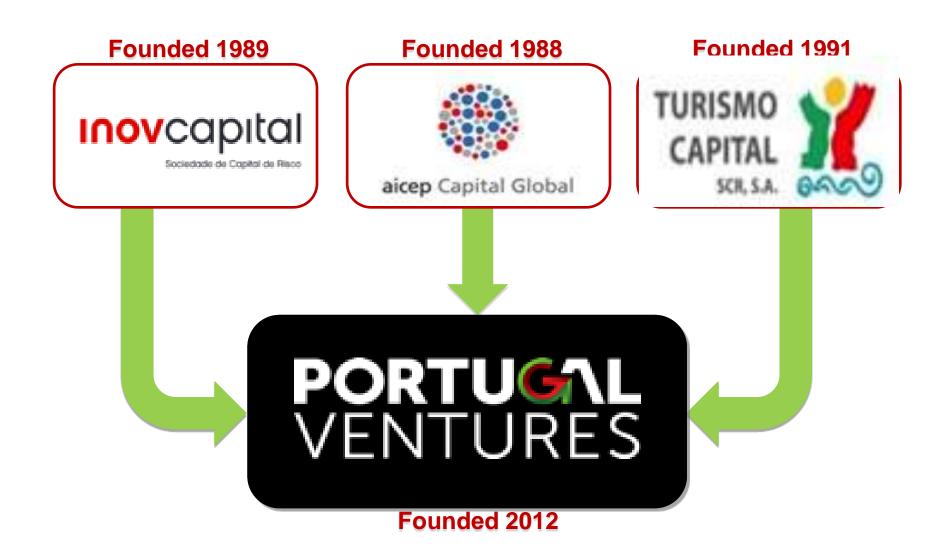
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Founded in June 2012, Portugal Ventures is the result of the merger of 3 of the most representative VC and PE firms in Portugal





# A reform made to foster private Venture Capital and develop tech-based entrepreneurship open to the world

- Clarify strategic objectives and concentrate resources for public investment.
- Rationalize and significantly reduce the operational cost structure.
- Act as a catalyst of private Venture Capital activity, fostering co-investments from Portuguese and International players.
- Develop Portuguese entrepreneurship and promote the generation of economic value from scientific and technological knowledge.
- Create a new business landscape with high export potential and global competitiveness, well-positioned in international value chains.
- Focus on the creation of economic impact factors with a sustainable and long lasting foundation.



# Portugal Ventures at a glance: assets, companies, funds and business areas





# Portugal Ventures at a glance: Tourism invests its a pivotal area of the national economy

- Most important national economic sector
- 13% of national exports





# Private Equity invests in traditional economic sectors that are pivotal to the national export drive

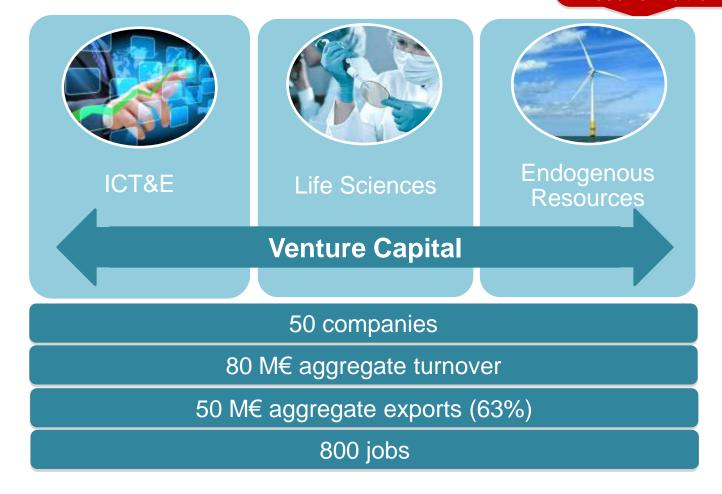
- Traditional economic sectors
- Most important export drivers today





# Portugal Ventures at a glance: Venture Capital invests in global tech-based entrepreneurship that is a long-term challenge for public VC

- Emerging, global techbased industries
- Long-term challenge for economic transformation



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### Private Equity and Venture Capital address two very different types of assets, with significant higher risks associated with Venture Capital

- Private Equity invests in an existing reality that can be further developed for growth and value creation:
  - Track record
  - Industry know-how
  - Markets know-how
  - Credibility
  - Streamline and improve operational efficiency
  - Enhance corporate governance
  - Attack global markets or boost global competitiveness
- Venture Capital invests in a promising opportunity that can create significant value... in the future:
  - Fast growing global markets
  - Disintegration of supply chains, prompting the emergence of increased layers of higher specialization
  - Solid technology foundations and/or "great ideas"
  - Credible team
  - Execution is key to accomplish the promise



Financing tech-based start-ups poses significant challenges due to the equity gap that can not be bridged through commonly available sources of funding

### The Equity Gap of tech-based start-ups

- High-level of uncertainty
- Information gaps
- Market conditions
- Nature of assets
- Difficult for banks and public markets to fund



Because of the significant difference of the underlying assets, Private Equity and Venture Capital in Portugal have very different market dynamics

#### Private Equity market:

- Quite a few established private players with multi billion euros of assets under management
- The challenge is to invest into the existing economy to enhance corporate capital structures, deleverage balance sheets, consolidate to achieve critical mass and boost competitiveness in global markets (mainly through repositioning output flows of products and services)

#### Portugal Ventures today is a "small" player in the Private Equity market:

- Fairly limited liquidity available is a limiting factor for new investments
- The challenge is to successfully divest from its ageing portfolio with the purpose of generating fresh cash for rotating investments and provide cash returns for the funds participants

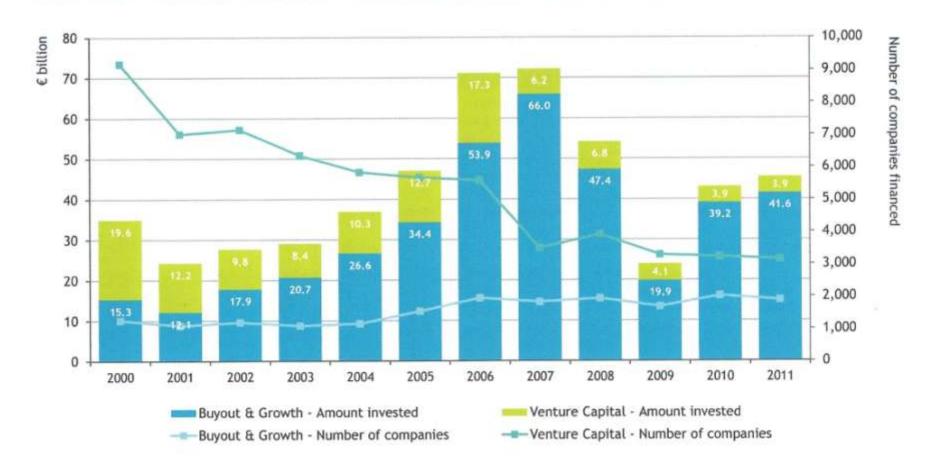
The Private Equity market today in Portugal is fundamentally a private activity



### Market dynamics in Europe in the period 2000-2011 also differentiates the asset classes of PE (Buyout & Growth) and VC

### Venture Capital / Buyout & Growth - Investments overview

2000-2011 - Industry statistics - Amount & Number of companies



Source: Thomson Reuters / EVCA (2000-2006) & EVCA / PEREP\_Analytics (2007-2011)



Investments

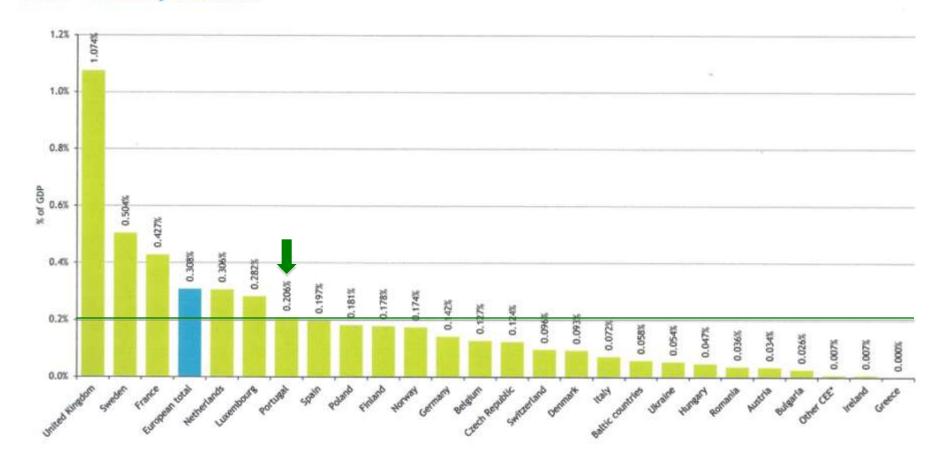
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# Today, in Portugal, Private Equity activity is fairly well positioned in the European context

### Buyout & Growth - Investments as % of GDP

#### 2011 - Industry statistics



Source: Thomson Reuters Datastream (GDP) / EVCA / PEREP\_Analytics

\*Other CEE consists of Ex-Yugoslavia and Slovakia

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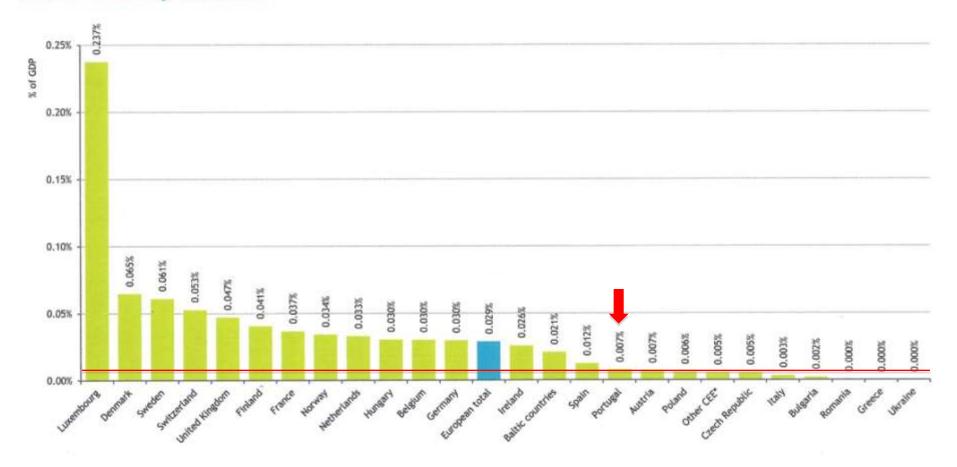
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By contrast, Venture Capital activity is clearly under par, both in scope and depth of investment

### Venture Capital - Investments as % of GDP

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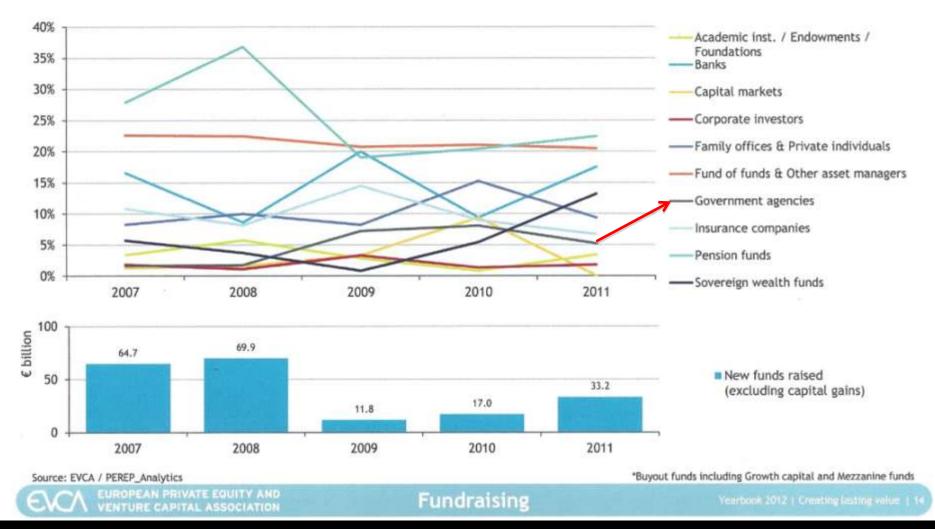
Investments



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#### Buyout funds\* raised by type of investor

2007-2011 - Incremental amount raised during the year - % of total amount





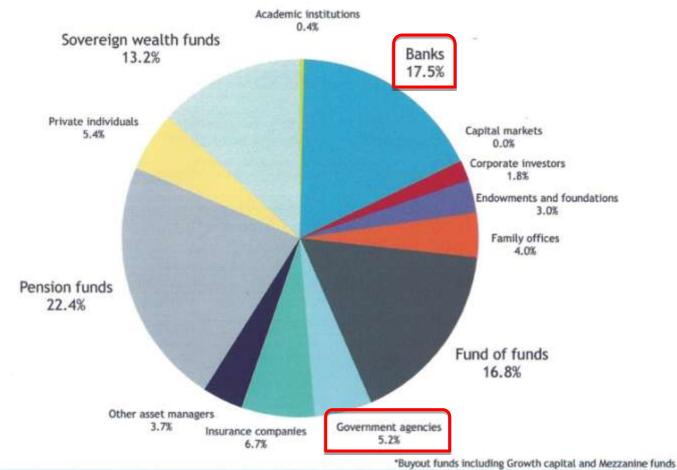
# The sources of funding also reflect the different risks associated with the underlying assets of VC and PE activity (2/4)

### Buyout funds\* raised by type of investor

2011 - Incremental amount raised during the year - % of amount

Number of funds

Number of Private Equity firms 108



Source: EVCA / PEREP\_Analytics

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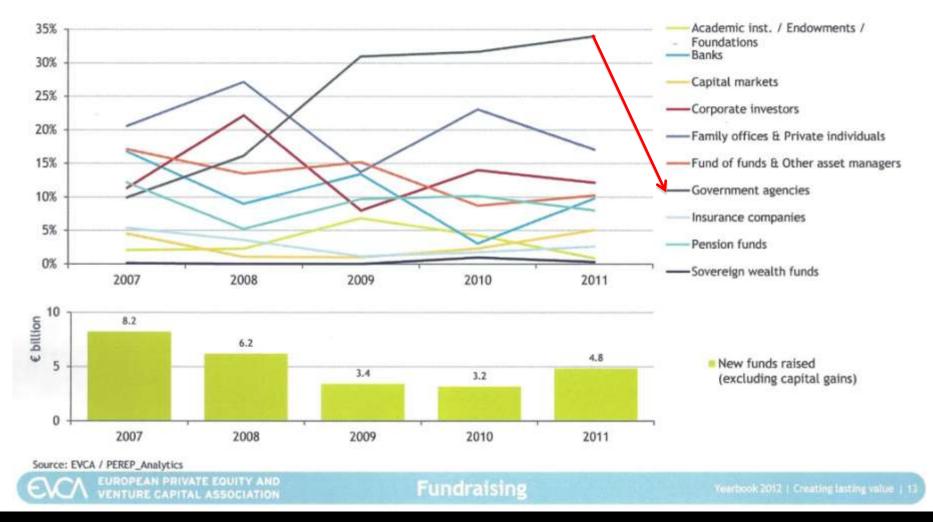
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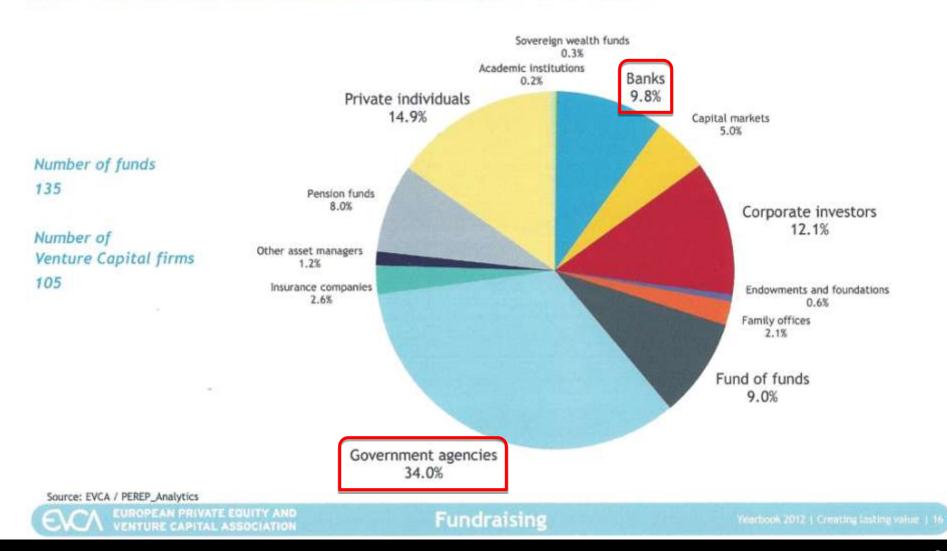




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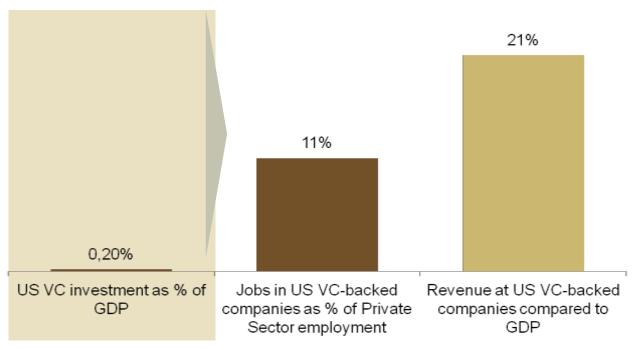
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# VC-backed technology entrepreneurship is known to be a source of major economic impact, creating both wealth and jobs

> Venture-backed companies creating value in the US economy



Source: National Venture Capital Association – Venture Impact - The Economic Importance of Venture Capital-Backed Companies to the U.S. Economy Courtesy ES Ventures

There is also evidence of the impact of Venture Capital financing in stimulating innovation, especially among tech-based companies.



### Tech-based entrepreneurship is a decisive imperative

- To drive economic modernization and global competitiveness;
- To change the paradigm of many economies, from low cost manufacturing hubs to globally competitive knowledge economies;
- To drive GDP growth and the expansion of the trade balance;
- To provide employment opportunities for highly qualified human capital;
- To combat the outbound flow of valuable talent governments are investing in through R&D programs.

It is a decisive imperative for Portugal as well as for Europe at large



Tech-based entrepreneurship is expected to be the subject of a decisive impulse within Horizon 2020

The European Union has recognized the strategic relevance of technology-based entrepreneurship to promote global competitiveness, and is expected to allocate adequate resources in its new Framework Program, especially with the availability of new risk capital instruments.

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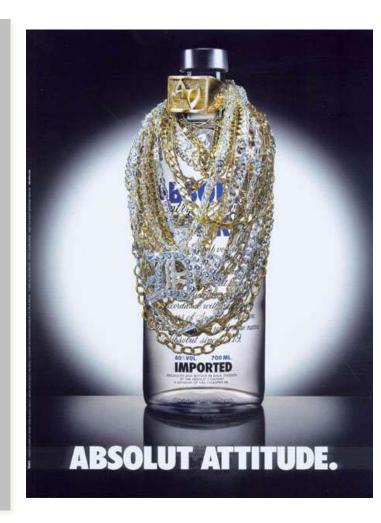
# Looking for champions: overall economics for a VC fund to turn 250 M€ into 1 B€

#### Fund Size = 250 M€

- ■Number of investments = 25
- ■Avg fund investment/company = 8.3 M€
- ■Avg capital required/company = 25 M€
- ■Avg investor ownership at exit/company = 75%
- Avg fund ownership/company = 25%
- ■10% (2.5) 'home runs, Google type'
- 1 B€ => 40 X investment (20 in, 800 out)
- 40% (10) 'successes, normal type'
- 100 M€ = 3 X investment (80 in, 250 out)
- 50% (12.5) 'failures, no name type'

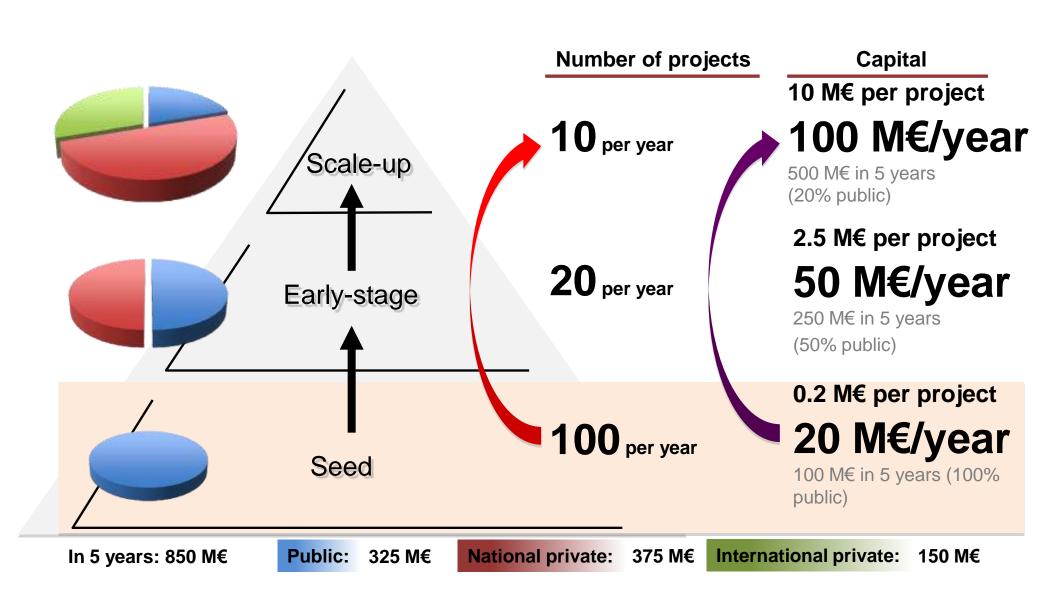
0€ = 0 X investment (100 in, 0 out)

Fund value at maturity = 900 M€





A healthy investment pyramid requires a strong foundation built with ingredients to attract private capital, both national and international



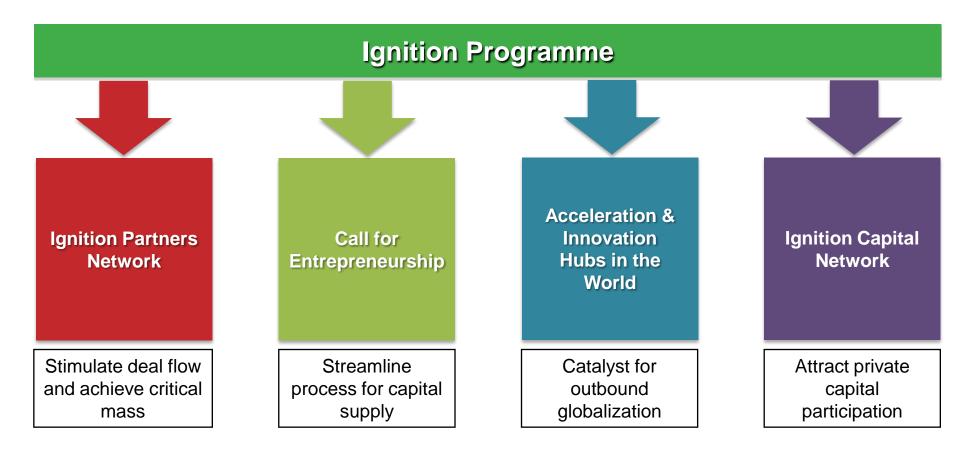


# The Ignition Program has been designed to address the perceived structural weakness at the basis of the pyramid

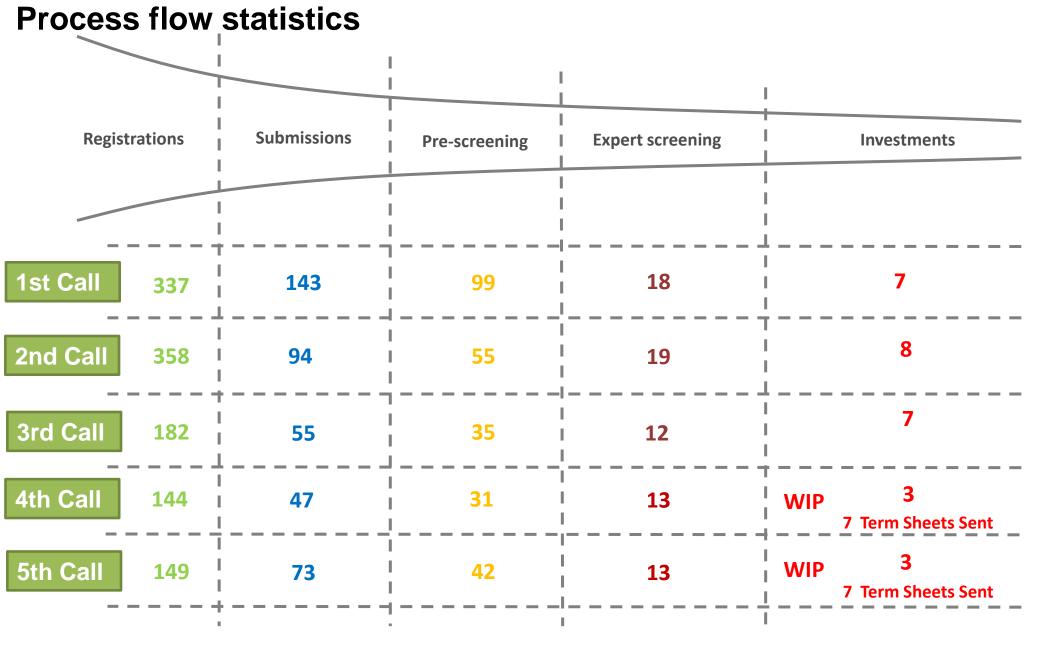
- To promote and facilitate the access to venture capital investment of projects with global growth potential in the Seed / Proof of Concept phases of development;
- To grow the deal flow, both national and international, and streamline the time-to-investment process;
- To open the ecosystem to the world by creating the conditions to achieve global competitiveness of tech-based companies and attracting both international talent and capital;
- To stimulate the creation of new, global technology-based companies and foster technology entrepreneurship;
- To promote the economic value of science and technology as a way to achieve structural transformation and competitiveness of the Portuguese economy;
- To retain and attract talent.



# Portugal Ventures Ignition Programme is structured around 4 sub-programs



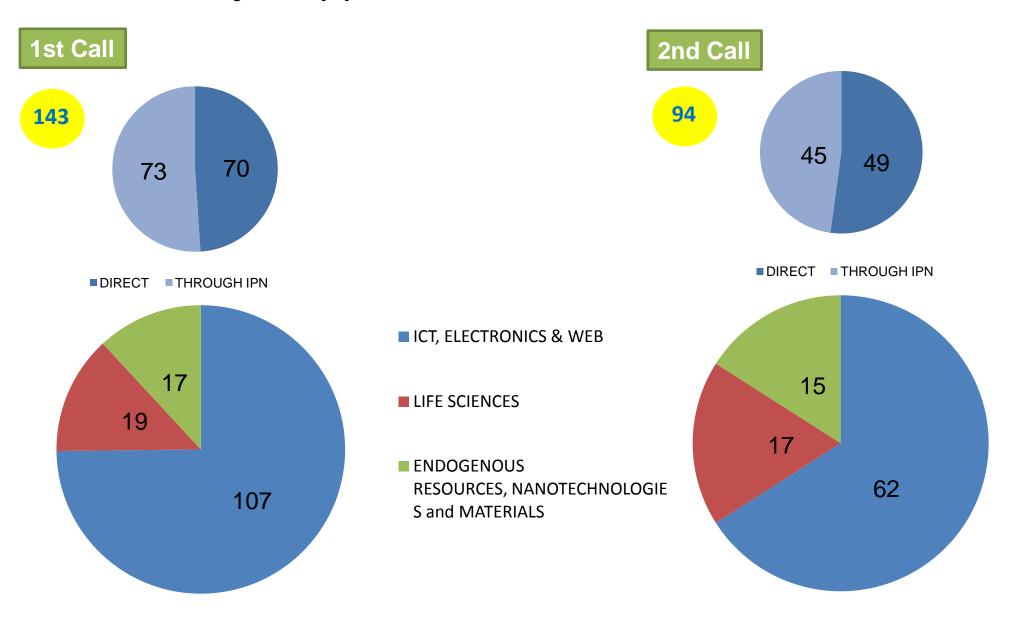
All 4 sub-programmes are fully operational and we have already set-up base in the Bay Area @ Runway (SF) and the Boston Area @ CIC (Cambridge)



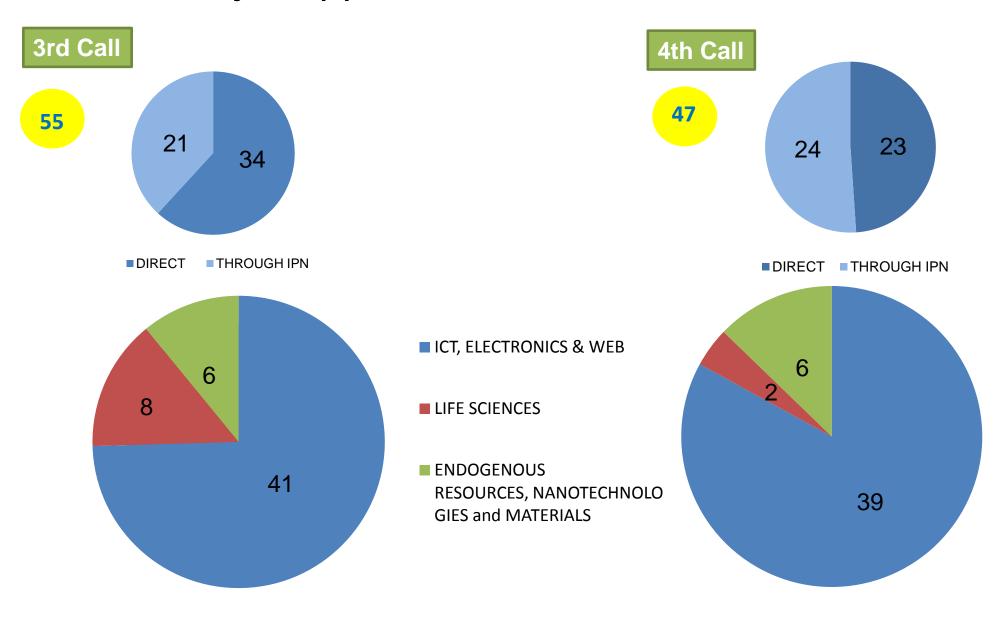
### **Process flow - Investment Values**

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Registrations	I I Submissions I	l Pre-screening	I I Expert screening	Total Investments
1st Call	I 49,4M€	38,8M€	9,8M€	4,2M€
2nd Call	I I 47,3M€ I	33,3M€	l 15,2M€	6,0M€
3rd Call	! ! <b>27,2</b> M€ !	22,5M€	i l 9,1M€	4,5M€
4th Call	I 26,5M€	19,8M€		WIP 2,4M€/4,3M€
5th Call	¦   39,8M€ L	24,9M€	9,3M€	WIP 1,9 M€/4,7M€
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### **Submitted Projects (#) 1/3**



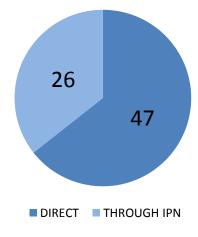
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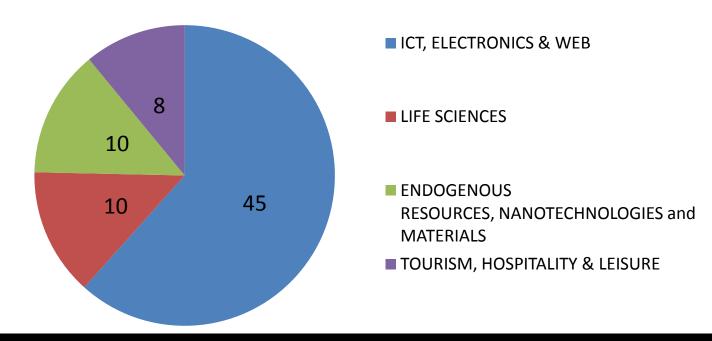


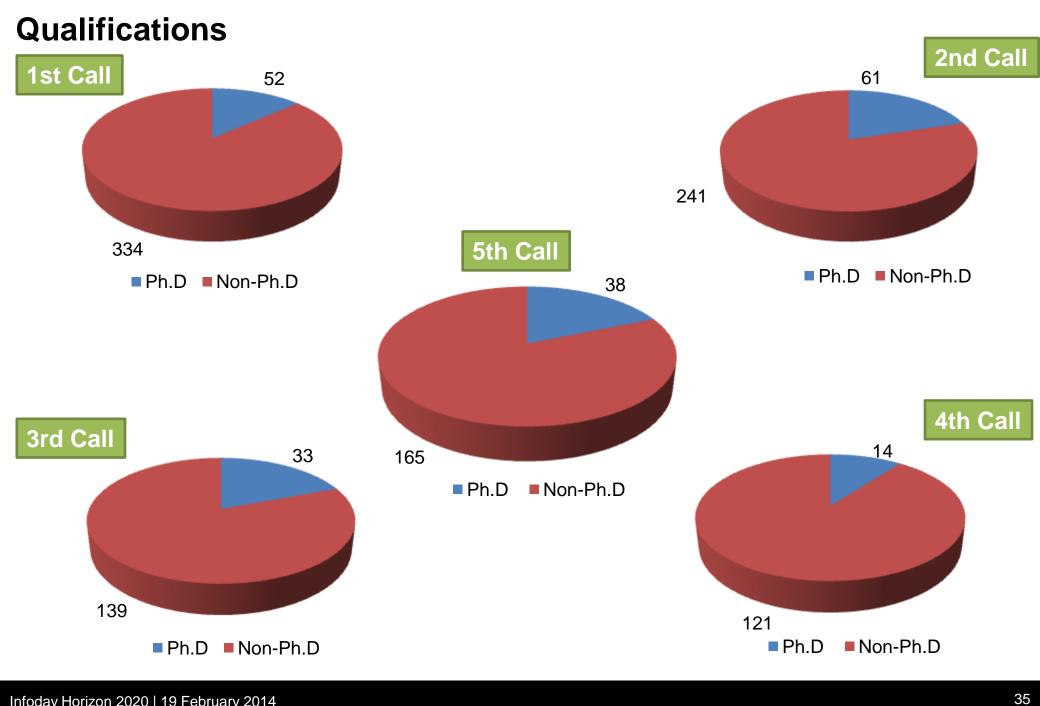
### **Submitted Projects (#) 3/3**

5th Call

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# EU-backed funds channelled via COMPETE/PO/FINOVA are playing a significant role in financing a new generation of start-ups

- Venture Capital funding backed by EU funds plays a decisive role in the financing of the Ignition Program and the emergence of a new generation of tech-based start-ups fully equipped to compete and hopefully win in global markets;
- About 25 M€ of funding (half EU, half national) in 5 funds;
- Available funding addresses the critical seed capital investment phase, as well as early stage maturities;
- Funds are sector specific (e.g. Life Sciences, ICT), to ensure focus and enhance specialization.



# Albeit their critical importance, EU-backed funds pose some execution challenges

- Small funds (circa 5 M€) reduce efficiency and increase management costs;
- Fragmentation and time limits of capital supply reduces the depth
  of investment and limits the capability to support follow-on
  investment needs throughout the maturity cycle of successful
  ventures.
- Geographic limitations do not always match the reality of the national talent map;
- Framework of invesment, on a project basis, is not fully aligned with the broader needs of ventures funding.
- The concept of internationalization limits the ability to expand beyond borders, e.g. to address the critical need to capture strategic human capital resources.



# EU-backed funds go beyond Venture Capital and address other important sectors of the national econmy

- One fund (20 M€) is dedicated to the traditional, export-driven sectors of the economy.
  - Broad scope in goods and services for global markets
  - Focus on internationalization
  - Mature ventures

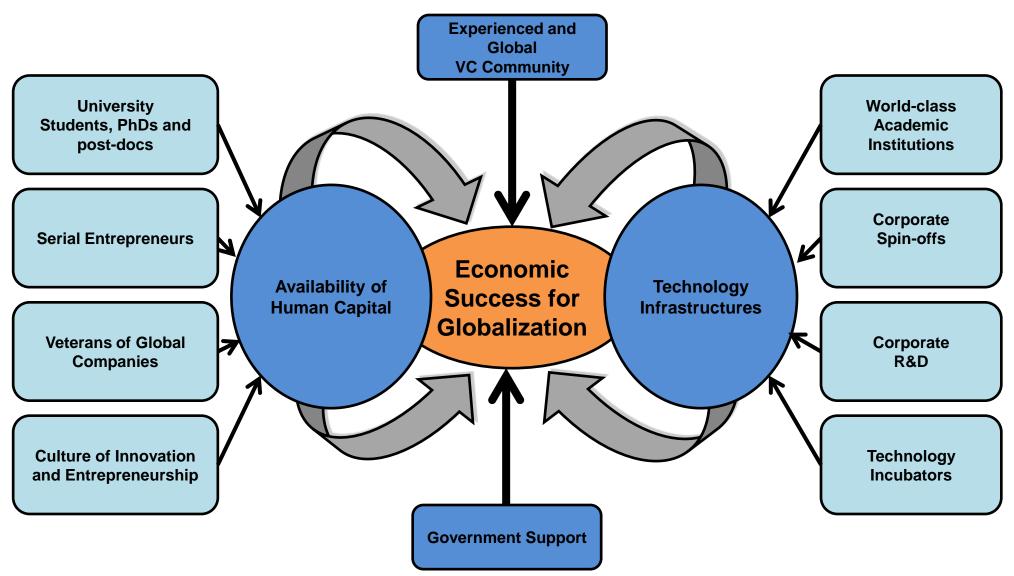
- Another fund (20 M€) is dedicated to the Tourism sector.
  - Sector specific: builds-up a portfolio that covers the full value chain of the industry
  - o **Broad maturity range**: addresses both start-up and mature ventures

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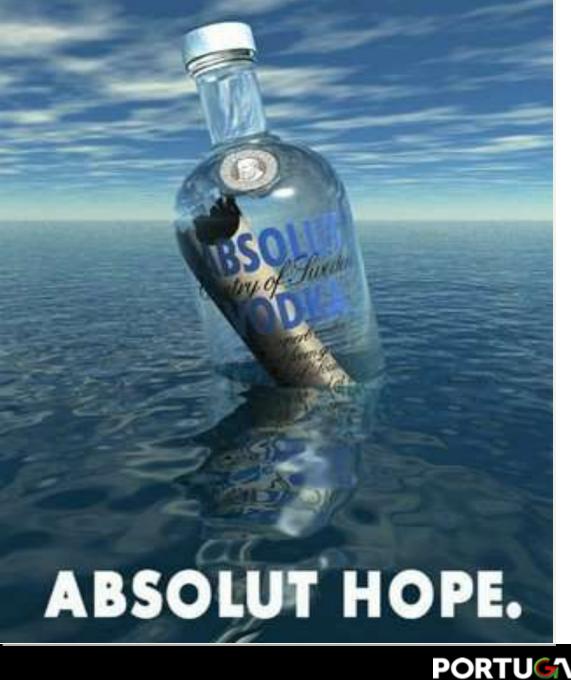
A successful ecosystem of innovation and tech-based entrepreneurship for a global economy requires a lot more than just MONEY





# Building a knowledge-based economy can not be accomplished overnight

- It is a national endeavor that must be pursued with resilience and determination;
- It requires persistance to execute policies and programmes that need many years to bear fruits;
- It needs openness to the world, to find in the world everything the endeavor needs and that might not exist at home;
- It needs the capability to focus resources to achieve critical mass and to ensure champions have all they need to succed;
- It needs inspirational leadership to transform cultural mind sets, and to encourage all those who do not get it rigth the first time to try over and over again;
- Public role should not be to crowd out private participation, but rather drive its active and successful participation, to embrace all in what must be a national enterprise.



Q&A

Thank you!

