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“Financial instruments to encourage innovative ventures”

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According to market data, access to risk finance – accompanied by expert advice - is still the key challenge for innovative high growth start-ups and small companies, the vital ingredient for prosperous economies.

While it is too early to judge the real impact of crowdfunding, it appears quite clear that Venture Capital has shifted towards larger deal size and left the 0 - 3 million€ financing gap open.

Public Private Early stage funds and Angel Groups are filling the gap and show positive trends of growth.

Trends in European Financial Instruments dedicated to innovative companies together with examples of successful cases will be presented and recommendations for developing this fundamental segment of the financial market will be illustrated.