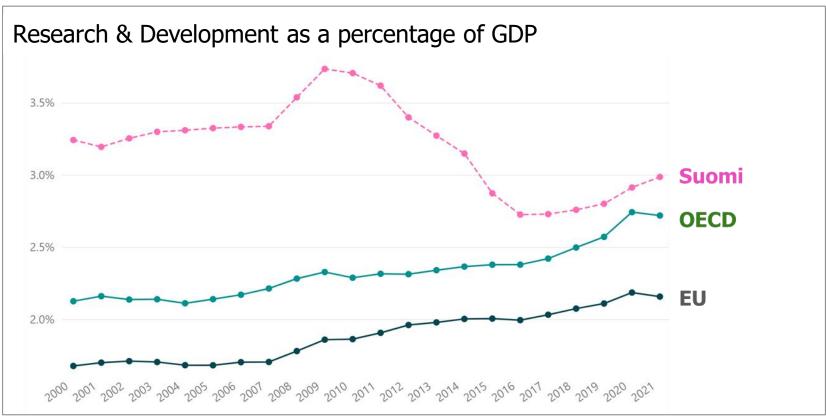
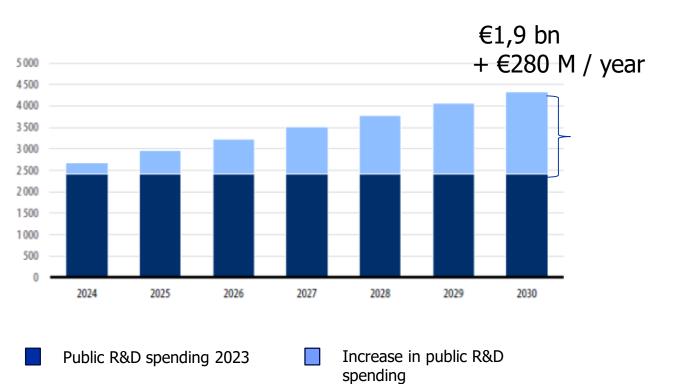


# Finland is lagging behind the global R&D leaders





# Public R&D funding will significantly increase



- According to the RDI Roadmap,
   Finland aims to increase R&D
   expenditure to 4 % of GDP by 2030
- R&D law in force 1.1.2023
- 1/3 basic research and 2/3 company driven R&D
- Research and Innovation Council
- The 4 % R&D level will only be reached if private R&D spending will increase and account for 2/3 of the total



## BUSINESS FINLAND TARJOAA RÄÄTÄLÖITYÄ SPARRAUSTA VOIMAKASTA KANSAINVÄLISTÄ KASVUA HAKEVILLE STARTUPEILLE



Business Finland on vuoden 2023 lopussa perustanut startup-tiimin joka tukee alkuvaiheessa olevia innovatiivisia kansainvälistä kasvua etsiviä yrityksiä. Nopeampaa kasvua hakevien yritysten lisäksi tiimissä on myös vahvaa osaamista liittyen deep tech yrityksiin.

#### Startup tiimimme

- auttaa yrityksiä tunnistamaan uusia asiakkaita ja avaamaan markkinoita.
- verkostoitumaan niin omalla toimialallaan kuin ekosysteemin tasolla.
- sparraa ja tukee yrityksiä kansainvälisten verkostojen kehittämisessä sekä uusien jakelukanavien avaamisessa.
- auttaa startuppeja juuri heille sopivien Business Finlandin ja muiden julkisten tahojen järjestämien rahoituspalveluiden valinnoissa.
- esittelee lupaavimpia yrityksiä kansainvälisille sijoittajille.

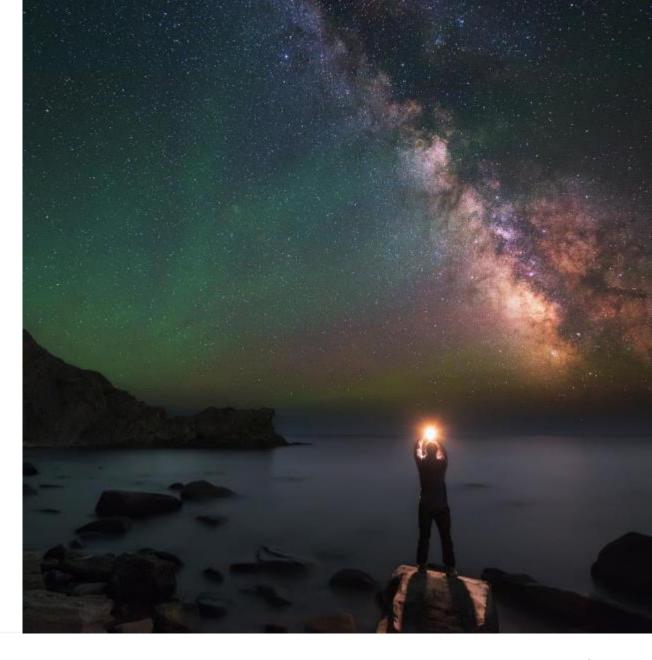
Business Finland tarjoaa jatkossa startup-palveluitaan entistä vahvemmin sellaisille yrityksille, joiden innovatiivinen ratkaisu tai liiketoimintamalli tuo kilpailuetua kansainvälisillä markkinoilla. Tuotteen tai palvelun on vastattava merkittävään maailmanlaajuiseen tarpeeseen tai haasteeseen, ja yrityksellä on oltava suunnitteilla tai käynnissä merkittäviä tutkimus- ja kehitysprojekteja

Teknologisen ratkaisun lisäksi Business Finland painottaa jatkossa myös yrityksen monipuolista osaamista ja tiimin valmiuksia pärjätä kansainvälisesti. Yrityksen perustajilta ja hallitukselta edellytetään sitoutumista kansainväliseen kasvuun, ja yrityksellä on oltava riittävät resurssit sekä halu ja kyky kerätä yksityistä rahoitusta. Palveluita saadakseen yrityksellä on oltava suomalainen yritystunnus.

## MAIN SERVICES FOR STARTUPS

We fund R&D and business development projects

We provide advice & networks for expanding into new markets



## BUSINESS FINLAND TYPICAL FUNDING SERVICES FOR YOUNG GROWTH COMPANIES

## LEARN, INVESTIGATE, TEST

## **TEMPO**

Enter the export markets
Explore demand

500 - 1000 companies / year

- De minimis grant75 %
- max. 60 000 e

## RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT

## R&D

Develop service, product, process or business model based on feedback

300 companies / year

- Loan 50 70 %
- (Grant max 50 %)

## **SCALE UP**

YIC, YOUNG INNOVATIVE COMPANY FUNDING

Develop your business and grow rapidly internationally

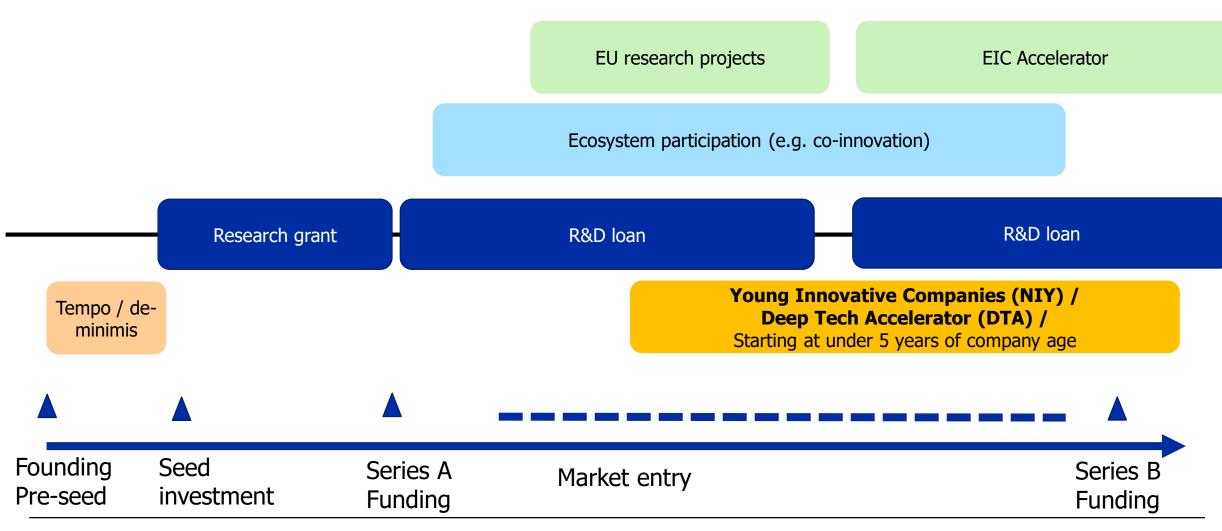
40 companies / year

NO GO

- Grant max. 1000 000e
- Funding 75 %
- in 3 4 phases



## Timing of funding instruments - example





## LOOKING FOR FINNISH SUCCESS STORIES

- Competitive advantage in international markets **Impact on Finland** Versatile competence and team: just technology is not enough Sufficient resources and motivation to go international
- Owner and board committed to international growth

## We are searching for

## **DEEPTECHS**

- 1. Business idea based on the latest scientific or industrial research
- 2. Strong IP based on research
- 3. Team with a balance of scientific and business talent
- 4. High technological and market entry risk, but breakthrough in sight



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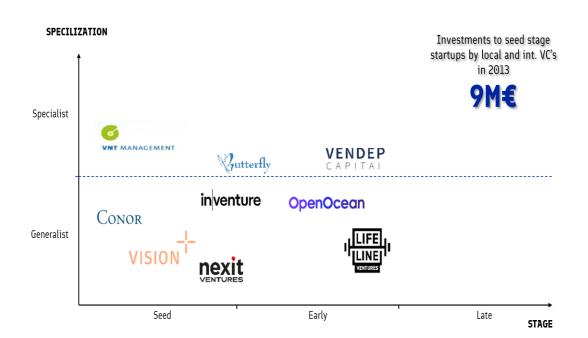


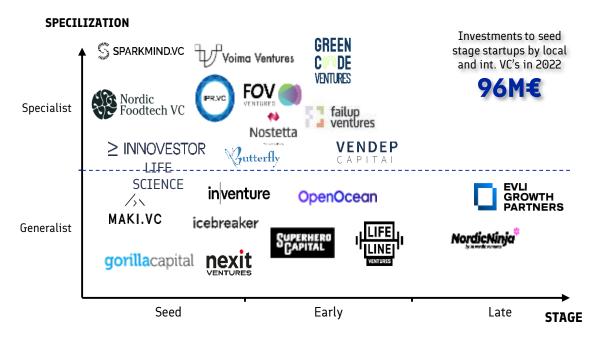
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## Seed stage fund investments

Finnish VC landscape 10 years ago...

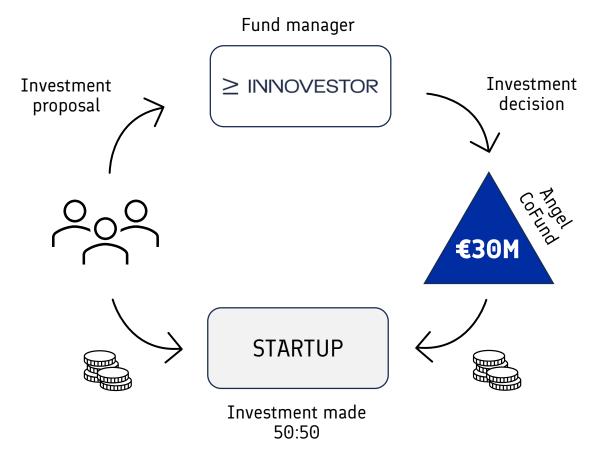
And the landscape today







# BFVC launched €30M angel cofund to boost business angel investments to Finnish startups



More information and leave an investment proposal for the Angel CoFund:



https://innovestorgroup.com/fi/kanssasijoitusrahasto/

#### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

#### Criteria for angels:

- Minimum 3 angels must be part of the syndicate
- The syndicate must collectively invest a minimum of €50k
- CoFund matches equity-like investments up to €600k per startup

#### Criteria for startups:

- ☐ The company must be less than 5 years old and based in Finland
- Maximum revenue of €150k in any previous or current fiscal year

### **WHAT'S THE BENEFIT?**

- Bigger funding rounds with less fundraising efforts
- Innovestor supports the angels with the investment preparation and due diligence process
- Success fee paid for the lead angel





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