

Finance South East, UK



Finance South East is a regional funding organisation, backed by the regional development agency - SEEDA and privately governed. With access to a breadth of public and private resources, FSE specialises in the identification, funding and development of ambitious, high potential growth businesses.

At Finance South East we understand that it is more than just finance that determines the successful growth of a business. We provide companies with a range of finance and related support options to help them reach their goals. Whether you are a more established company with renewed growth plans or an entrepreneur with an early stage project, every funding journey is different. We're here to make yours a success

Finance South East run a regional funding escalator with a number of distinct innovative funds which support SME activity. GSE also manage SECA the only truly regional Business Angel Network in the South East, presenting investment opportunities in growth companies across the region. In 2007, SECA won an award as European Business Angel Network of the year.

For more information visit <http://www.financesoutheast.com>

IBAN - Italian Business Angel Network, Italy



IBAN is the national association of Business angels in Italy focussed on the growth and development of the Italian informal investment market. IBAN's members are Business Angel Networks, investors, Business Angels and professionals engaged in matching entrepreneurs and funding providers.

- IBAN has more than 100 members and is focused on:
 - Increasing the sources of financing for unlisted SMEs and Start-Ups
 - Scouting and supporting the fund-seeking process of Start-Ups and SMEs
 - Recruiting Business Angels and facilitating the creation of Business Angel Networks and Business Angel Clubs
 - Organizing investment fora
 - Stimulating the exchange of experience among BANs to identify and exploit best practices

For more information visit <http://www.iban.it>

netzwerk|nordbayern, Germany



netzwerk|nordbayern acts as a service provider and networking forum for entrepreneurs and growth companies in Northern Bavaria, Germany. The aim of the company is to create an effective networking platform and to provide a comprehensive range of services designed to promote the growth of companies. With regards to business planning, funding and training, netzwerk|nordbayern offers a number of valuable support services ranging from seminars, coaching financing to assisting in building up professional networks for entrepreneurs.

For more information visit <http://www.netzwerk-nordbayern.de>

Poslovni angeli Slovenije, Slovenia



Poslovni angeli Slovenije is the first Business Angels Network in Slovenia and is committed to growing informal investment in the SME Sector in the country.

The network has established a high-standard screening and matching process to ensure the credibility and quality of investments made in our network get involved in the due diligence process and provide investment- and investor readiness services to their entrepreneurial clients and Business Angels.

For more information please visit <http://www.poslovniangeli.si>

Győr-Moson-Sopron Megyei Kereskedelmi és Iparkamara, Hungary



The mission of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry for Győr-Moson-Sopron County is to improve the business success of the member companies and to enhance the economic life of the county and to promote the international relationships. The main tasks of the Hungarian Chambers of Commerce and Industry are to promote economic development and fair competition, represent general interests of member companies, provide them with information, advice, training and business related services. The Chamber has 1,343 voluntary members. It comes to 6 % of the enterprises of the county.

The Chamber has also set up HUBAN, the first Business Angels Network in Hungary that provides screening, matching and training services to entrepreneurs and Business Angels.

For more information visit <http://www.gymskik.hu> and <http://www.huban.hu/>

Lewiatan Business Angels, Poland



The Polish Confederation of Private Employers Lewiatan (PKPP Lewiatan) was established

in January 1999. Today its members include 55 industry and regional employer associations and several individual member companies. In total we represent more than 3,000 companies employing over six hundred thousand people.

Additionally, PKPP Lewiatan is an umbrella organization for Lewiatan Business Angels (LBA) – the largest and most active Business Angels Network in Poland. Both PKPP Lewiatan and Lewiatan Business Angels possess very good competence to run the Ready for Equity 2 Program in Poland as a National Partner

For more information visit: <http://www.lba.pl>

Sunrise Valley, Lithuania



Saulėtekio slėnis [Sunrise Valley] was formally incorporated as a public company in May 2003. Founding stakeholders in Sunrise Valley included Vilnius University, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University and leading companies in key target sectors – such as Alna (IT), Bité (telecommunications), Ekspla (lasers). In February 2004 Vilnius City Municipality became a stakeholder in public company Sunrise Valley.

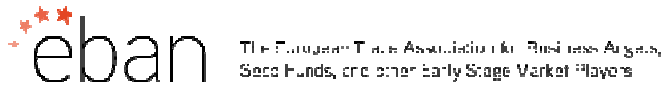
Sunrise Valley's mission is to 'put Lithuania on the map' as a location for world-class businesses engaged in knowledge intensive activities.

To achieve its mission, Sunrise Valley is:

- Providing high quality sites and premises suitable for technology-driven businesses;
- Combining physical infrastructure with the provision of a range of specialist support services – business incubation, risk capital financing (the 1st Lithuanian business angels network), R&D and product development, entrepreneur development, management training, etc. working through professional support providers;
- Promoting networking between the universities and businesses located at Sunrise Valley, between the businesses themselves, and with partners elsewhere in Lithuania and worldwide.

For more information visit <http://www.sunrisevalley.lt>

EBAN – The European Trade Association for Business Angels, Seed Funds and other Early Stage Market Players



EBAN serves business angels, business angel networks, seed funds and other early stage investment professionals across Europe.

EBAN is the representative in Brussels through direct and indirect membership of more than 250 business angel networks in Europe. These in turn federate some 20.000 angels, and receive about 40.000 business plans a year. EBAN brings together over 100 member organisations in 28 countries today.

EBAN is the networking platform enabling its members to:

- Stay on top of trends in the early stage investment market in Europe
- Build new relationships, new business opportunities by networking with peers across borders.
- Get answers to day-to-day challenges: don't reinvent the wheel, we might have the solution!
- Access our resource center and get ongoing capacity building opportunities
- Be represented under one voice representing the interests of early stage investors near European policy makers

For more information visit: <http://www.eban.org>

The University of Winchester



The University of Winchester with approximately 6000 students is organised into four faculties. In the Faculty of Business, Law and Sport is the growing Winchester Business School which has a specialism in small business management issues including innovation and entrepreneurship

Winchester was the 13th Business School in the UK to be accepted to join the United Nations initiative – the Principles of Management Education which includes over 300 business schools worldwide. The PRME are inspired by internationally accepted values such as the principles of the United Nations Global Compact. They seek to establish a process of continuous improvement among institutions of management education in order to develop a new generation of business leaders capable of managing the complex challenges faced by business and society in the twenty-first century. Our membership demonstrates that the School is at the forefront of management education in the twenty-first century.

For more information visit: <http://www.winchester.ac.uk>