Enhancing Public & Private Financing Arnout Dijkhuizen

ASTANOR

Where tech meets nature



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Who is talking?



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The Fund



Astanor's Mission

Turn AgriFood from one of the leading causes of social and environmental harm into the greatest regenerative solution









We have built a portfolio of leading agrifood companies

Fund I & II portfolio companies Investing from soil and sea to gut









Astanor's identified 6 key sectors and sub-segments

Combination of powerful macro-economic drivers and for technology to effect disruption

Sustainable Agriculture

TAM (\$b): ~400 **CAGR (%):** 8-13

Technology that increases resiliency and yield, reducing GHG emissions and improving air quality

Sustainable Food

TAM (\$b): ~600 **CAGR (%):** 8-16

Functional foods engineered to offer health benefits such as gut health or extend shelf life to reduce waste

Waste and Circularity

TAM (\$b): ~150 **CAGR (%):** 6

Re-use of waste materials to create second lives, protecting biodiversity and reducing GHG emissions

Enabling Technologies TAM (\$b): ~1,400 CAGR (%): 4-24

From computational models to AI and robotics, touching upon all impact KPIs within our focus

Food as Medicine

TAM (\$b): ~1,300 **CAGR (%):** 5-17

Investments in next-generation therapeutics, nutraceuticals, personalized health and nutrition

Sustainable Materials

TAM (\$b): 400 **CAGR (%):** 10-13

Using bio-based materials for packaging (e.g., wood, bioplastics) to improve biodiversity

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Entrepreneur-led systemic disruption

Incumbents will not, and cannot, lead the change





INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY



SOLUTIONS AT SCALE

Entrepreneurs: the key to radical change



IMPACT INVESTING









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Our topic



Enhancing Public & Private Financing





Public-Private Collaboration Establish structured public-private schemes to de-risk investments; Expand equity investment schemes to support high-risk projects and attract private capital. IPCEI and institutionalized PPP (CBE JU) activities to be continued

 Long-term innovation project funding with stronger focus on commercialization

Implement multi-stage programs with milestone-based follow-on funding and coordinate pipelines to prevent financing gaps. Enhance scaling programs and involve industry experts in evaluations.







Early-stage financing & support To have scale-ups, we need to have startups first: streamline financial instruments, enhance pre-seed/seed funding with mentorship, teach entrepreneurial skills and strengthen TTOs

Capacity building in bioeconomy companies Regional bioeconomy hubs with integrated financing and training, enhance outreach by funding authorities, and proactive portfolio management.









 Regulatory and Administrative Complexity Simplify regulations, standardize taxonomy, use AI for streamlined proposal matching.

 Time lag in EU Programme implementation Adaptive programmes, periodic reviews to accommodate global challenges; fast-track procedures for urgent call revisions







 Integrate commercial targets in EU policy Not just govt procurement, but also drive locally sourced and sustainable sourcing as % of inputs

Actively foster hubs and multi-party collaboration

Catalyze industrial scale ups, by taking away risks, guarantees or first-loss capital









The Flywheel of Success

A virtuous circle with value creation within each quadrant

> **Risk Capital** VC/PE/Private Debt

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Intellectual Capital

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