1. How Attica Region is planning to support maritime projects

**FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS DESIGNED AND IMPLEMENTED AT NATIONAL LEVEL**

**EQUIFUND (under implementation)**
- It is the largest public funding instrument of its kind that is currently implemented in Europe, at a time when one of the biggest problems that Greek enterprises face, is to ensure financing liquidity via fundraising.
- Fund Structure: 200 M euros from the Greek ESIF (ERDF & national funds). In addition, the Fund is supported with EUR 60 M coming from EIF and EIB with approximately EUR 40 M originating from the “Juncker Plan”. Private investors contribute with additional own resources estimated at 140 M euros. Thus, the total resources available to businesses funding are close to € 0.5 billion. It consists of 3 components/“windows”:
  - **Innovation Window (30k-5m)**
  - **Early Stage VC Funds Window (2m-12m)**
  - **Growth Stage Private Equity Funds Window (400k-5m)**

**INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (a Call for the selection of OFIs is expected to be launched in the near future)**
- It is designed to provide favorable financing terms to the private and public sector for the implementation of small and medium-sized projects focused on energy, environment and urban development. EIB is the manager of the Fund.
- Funding: Greek ESIF EUR200M + Greek Public Investment Programme EUR200M + EUR50M coming from repayments of the JESSICA financial instrument (2007-13)

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP FUND (under planning)**
- The aim of the Fund’s establishment is to improve the competitiveness of enterprises by enhancing their access to finance.

**FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS DESIGNED AND IMPLEMENTED AT EU LEVEL**

- EaSI Guarantee Instrument
- COSME financial instruments (Loan Guarantee Facility, Equity Facility for Growth)
- Innovfin SME Guarantee Facility

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- The regional Authority of Attica has not yet matured actions related to the creation and operation of financial instruments at regional level for supporting investments addressing the market failure in risk-taking.
- Therefore, enterprises activated in the Attica Region can make use of financial instruments designed and operated at national level or EU level.
2. How EIB can provide best support to initiatives supported by the regions

1. Supporting the regional authority in managing these financial instruments, with regard to their sustainability credentials such as environmental, social, and governance aspects (maximizing value for money).

2. Supporting in planning, “tailored made” financial instrument(s) according to special needs and development priorities of the region, in order to finance viable and added value adding projects, including a high risk profile ones.

3. Co-investing in these financial instruments. This support often helps to attracting other investors and allows to combine EIB financing with additional investment (blending).