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- VGR is providing an “innovation support system” that will follow an idea/company during all its different phases.
- Large regional budget for project funding, trying to scale up with for example ERUF, Interreg, ERA-NET and Horizon.
- Not working with loans
- EMFF is managed by national authority, dialogue in progress
Suggestions on how the EC and the EIB can provide best support to initiatives supported by the regions?

- There is a need for guidance in creating new business models based primarily on the company’s contribution to societal benefits, as well as a need to find big customers willing to invest.

- There is a need to find a way to link regional possibilities for funding micro-companies with the possibilities of EU-funding for SMEs.

- How do we know that we are investing in the “right” companies? It would be useful if the EC together with the EIB developed criteria for what sustainable businesses are. Need to be more than voluntary.