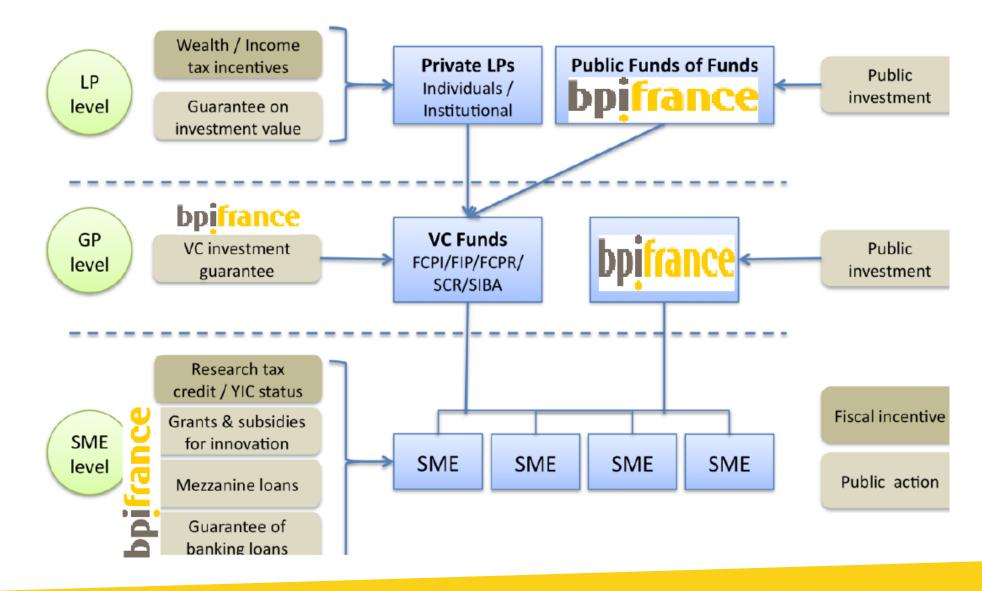


# **ROLE OF EQUITY AND MEZZANINE FINANCE**

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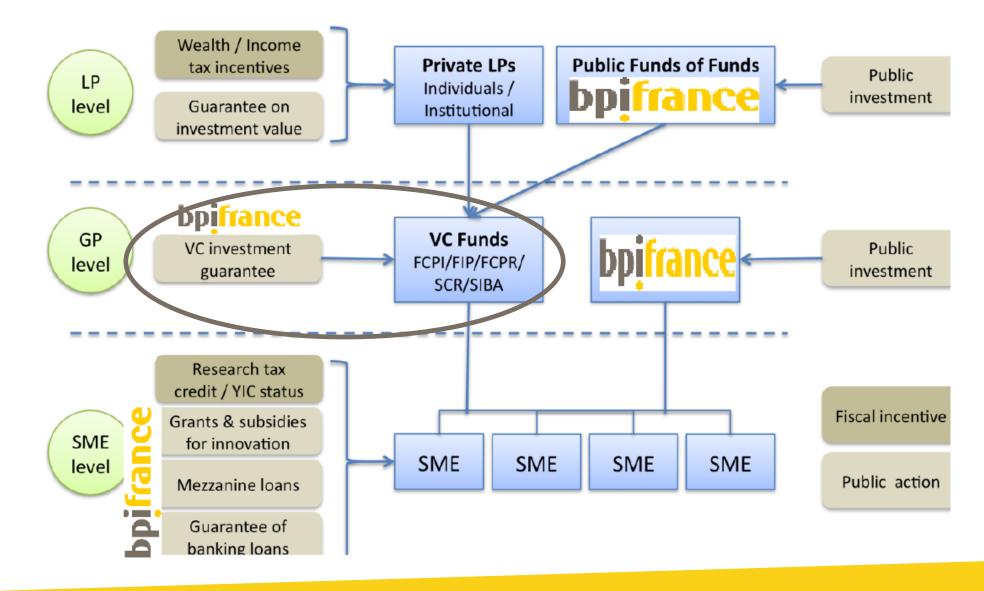
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### **Objectives**

#### **Directing investments to reduce market failures**

- 1. Supporting the segment of **small seed tickets**
- 2. Supporting regional venture-capital
- 3. Enabling **first time teams** to through themselves into the market to profesionnalise
- 4. Democratising **impact investing** practices

#### **Equity guarantee is popular with capital investors**

- Bpifrance guarantees
  €120M of investments
- The overall demand is €350-400M per year

The innovation capital activity is highly risky. There are fewer and fewer investors in this segment. They need support to finance the investments of tomorrow's SMEs.

## A scheme benefiting to regional investors



- 1994 creation of the scheme
- €3,5bn guaranteed investments
- 23.000 supported SMEs

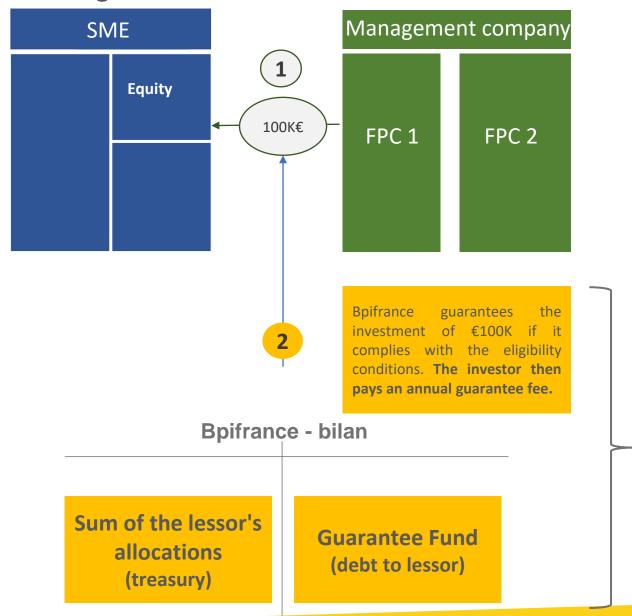


- 500 accredited organizations since 1994
- 150 active organizations in 2019



- Seed stage
- Strong regional focus
- Significant share of funds dedicated to Social Economy

### **Curent setting of the FIG scheme**



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<u>Scenario - 1: in case of court-ordered liquidation;</u> <u>receivership and amicable liquidation or disposal</u> <u>with capital loss</u>

Bpifrance compensates FPC-1 for 70% or 50% of its loss with the cash-flow from the lessor's endowment

#### **Scenario 2: Exit with capital gain**

Investment of 100K€ is sold at a value higher than the entry price → can then capture up to 10% of the capital gain realised by the FCP.

This capital gain is then credited to the fund's accounting balance (cash in the bank's assets corresponding to the balance of the guarantee fund).

## **Current seetings – recovery plan**



## **Targets**

# **SMEs** (european definition)

- ✓ registered in France, non-listed in the stock exchange,
- ✓ all industry sectors.
- ✓ all ages.

Companies in difficulty are excluded according to the european regulation in force.

## aims

Venture capital (seed, innovation) and development capital.

Transfer operations are excluded.

# quity and quasiequity

#### **Equity**

- √ stocks and social shares
- √ investments certificates
- √ equity securities

#### **Quasi-equity funds**

- ✓ Convertible or refundable bonds
- √ Partners' current account
- ✓ Equity loans
- ✓ Associative securities

