



# Innovative financial management strategies for social entrepreneurship projects

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# SE Funding Issues

- Funding for SEs is:
  - either limited or somewhat difficult to access
  - takes up significant resources to apply for and manage
  - often comes with conditions that are not always in line with the founding entrepreneurs' vision or philosophy
  - often SEs are handicapped by the lack of business knowledge to apply for funding and a lack of impact measurement required by many impact investors
  - legal issues related to fundraising and dividends

#### **Mentimeter**

# What does "Crowdfunding" mean to you?





# POSSIBLE SOLUTION?

Funding the project or venture by raising money from a large number of people backing the project and the idea of the project.

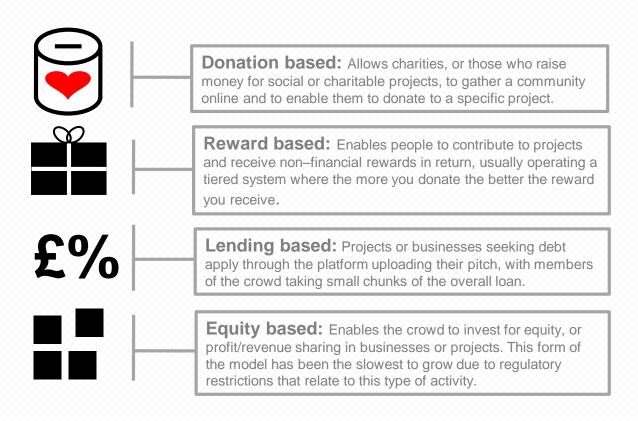
# **CROWDFUNDING**







# DIFFERENT MODELS







# FUNDING SIZE DIFFERS BY THE TYPE OF CROWDFUNDING

## **DONATION**



**CROWDSUPPORTING** typically raising < \$20k

**REWARDS** 



**CROWDFUNDING** typically raising < \$50k

**LENDING** 



**CROWDLENDING** typically raising < \$500k

**EQUITY** 



typically raising \$50K to \$10M



# ST**≣**P<sup>UD</sup>

### **EXAMPLES:**

# DONATION BASED CROWDFUNDING





CLOSED

# Turning Old Water Tower into Welcoming Sign

Our goal is to turn an old water tower into a welcoming sign for Seaport Landing in Aberdeen, WA.

PROJECT OWNER



Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Aberdeen, United States

1 Campaign | More

\$3,111 USD raised by 44 backers

About €2,737 EUR

62% of \$5,000 flexible goal













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### **EXAMPLES:**

# REWARD BASED CROWDFUNDING



#### FUNDING

# Coffee for Biogas Energy & Farmer's Climate School

Proven by scientists. Traded by Montessori kids & eco students to tackle climate change with farmers

PROJECT OWNER



\$15,357 USD raised by 142 backers

About €13,511 EUR

102% of \$15,000 fixed goal

7 days left

**BACK IT** 











Trip to Climate School in Bali

#### Estimated delivery

July 2019

1 claimed





## Made in Hackney video for Crowdfunder

Company: Made in Hackney, a vegan community kitchen

Type of crowdfunding: rewards/donation

Platform: Crowdfunder.co.uk

Money raised: £76,693 Number of backers: 553



#### Rewards

This project offers rewards in return for your donation.

£10 or more

#### £10 Reward

Christmas recipe e-booklet created by renowned plant-based chef Anton Petrov, and entry into a prize draw to win a hamper.

£20 or more

#### £20 Reward

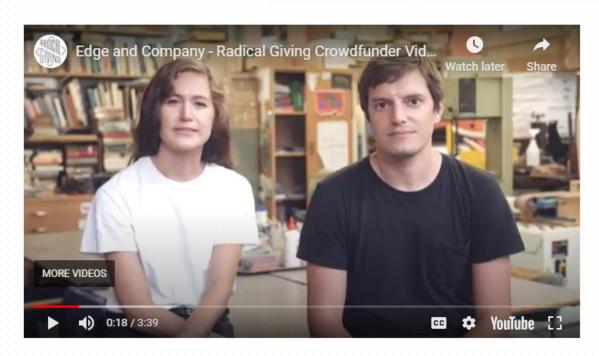
Christmas recipe e-booklet created by renowned plant-based chef Anton Petrov and entry into a prize draw to win a healthy food hamper worth £200 courtesy of Revital and Whole Foods Market (Stoke Newington branch).





# **Edge and Company - Radical Giving!**

by Edge and Company in London, England, United Kingdom



Help us launch Edge and Company - An ethical lifestyle shop stocking and supporting social enterprises and charities worldwide!



On 29th September 2018 we successfully raised £5,345 with 39 supporters in 28 days

#### Rewards

This project offers rewards in return for your donation.

£10 or more

#### 5% Gift Voucher

A massive thank you for your donation! Enjoy 5% off your first purchase with us.

£20 or more

#### 10% Gift Voucher

A massive thank you for your donation! Enjoy 10% off your first purchase with us.

£25 or more

#### 15% Gift Voucher

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https://youtu.be/v3cAch5YJKU





### **EXAMPLES:**

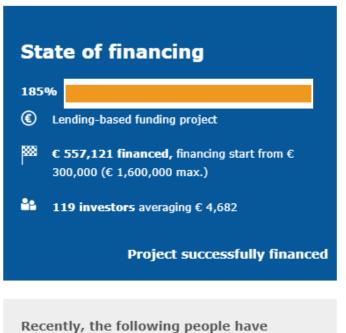
# LENDING BASED CROWDFUNDING

## Alm Resort Nassfeld

Start with a chance - 4% fixed rate

Information from the project owner





Recently, the following people have invested because ...

Raphael Spies 15.05.2015 - 18:24 € 1,000





## **EXAMPLES:**

# **EQUITY BASED CROWDFUNDING**







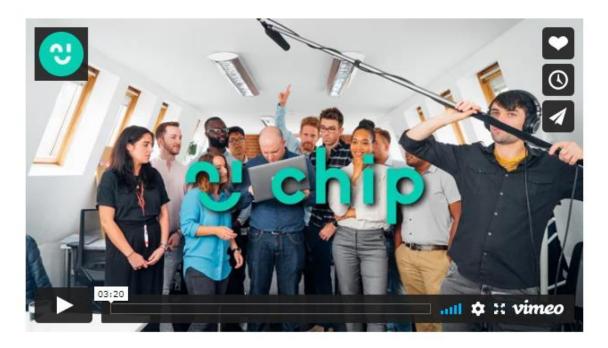


# The Chip crowdfunding video for Crowdcube

Type of crowdfunding: equity

Platform: Crowdcube

Money raised: £3,807,590 Number of investors: 6,535







## **COMPARING FINANCIAL MARKETS WITH CROWDFUNDING**

## **FINANCIAL MARKETS**

### Debt

Market assesses the credit rating and determines the yield (interest rate for debt).

### **Equity**

Market assesses the value of the firm.

## **CROWDFUNDING**

#### Debt

Company manager determines the interest rate he/she offers.

### **Equity**

Company manager determines the share price to which he/ she is willing to sell a share.





## WHY DOES CROWDFUNDING WORK?

Emotional motivation, in terms of an emotional relationship to product, geographics or to the company itself is more important for Crowdfunding investors than a financial return.

- Herding
- Numerical deafness
- Small amounts cause lack of judgment in terms of risk and return





#### **TECHNOLOGY**

# Tesla is crowdfunding its vehicles with big promises

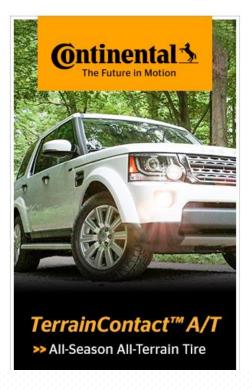
The company employs a "pay now, drive eventually," approach.

By Rob Verger November 17, 2017

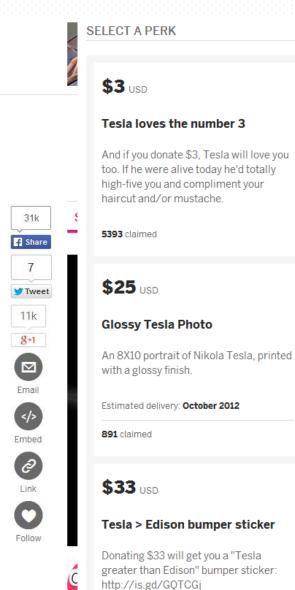


Elon Musk announced an electric truck on Thursday night, as well as a surprise new Roadster.

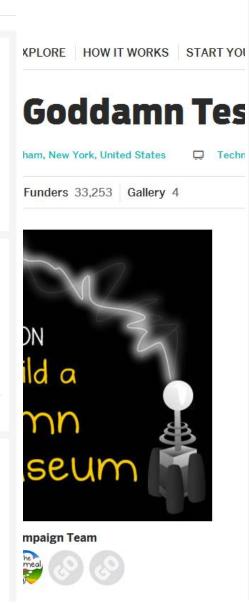
At a theatrical, hype-filled event Thursday night in an aircraft hanger in Hawthorne,







Estimated delivery: December 2012



**\$1,000** USD

#### **Autographed poster**

An autographed Wardenclyffe poster signed by Tesla's last remaining relative, William Terbo. Also includes all the above items:

Wardenclyffe to hip "Toolan Edison" bumper sticker, wardencryffe Tote Bag, a Wardenclyffe poster, and a coffee mug.

Please specify your shirt size: child(one size), adult (S, M, L, XL, XXL).

Estimated delivery: October 2012

40 out of 40 claimed

**\$1,000** USD

#### **Autographed Tesla Poster**

A limited edition autographed Wardenclyffe poster signed by Tesla's last remaining relative, William Terbo. Also includes t-shirt, baseball cap, and thumb drive with Wardenclyffe logo.

Estimated delivery: October 2012

10 out of 50 claimed

#### KICKSTARTER KICKSTARTER

\$1 reward

2,084 backers

With your help, we'll be on our way to a successful potato salad. You will get a 'thank you' posted to our website and I will say your name out loud while making the potato salad.

Estimated delivery: Dec 2014

#### \$2 reward

1,253 backers

Receive a photo of me making the potato salad, a 'thank you' posted to our website and I will say your name out loud while making the potato salad.

Estimated delivery: Dec 2014 Ships anywhere in the world

#### \$3 reward

1,272 backers

Receive a bite of the potato salad, a photo of me making the potato salad, a 'thank you' posted to our website and I will say your name out loud while making the potato salad.

Estimated delivery: Dec 2014 Ships anywhere in the world



Share this project

#### \$25 reward

289 backers

THE HAT: Receive a potato-salad themed hat along with a bite of the potato salad, a photo of me making the potato salad, a 'thank you' posted to our website and I will say your name out loud while making the potato salad.

Estimated delivery: Dec 2014 Ships anywhere in the world

#### \$35 reward

585 backers

THE HOMAGE T-SHIRT: Receive a limited edition t-shirt designed and printed by Columbus, Ohio t-shirt company Homage (http://www.homage.com). Also receive a bite of the potato salad, a photo of me making the potato salad, a 'thank you' posted to our website and I will say your name out loud while making the potato salad.

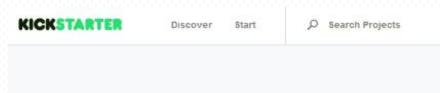
Estimated delivery: Dec 2014 Ships anywhere in the world funded on











### Egg Salad

by Dave Berecz



backer

pledged of \$10 goal

seconds to go

Funding Unsuccessful

This project's funding goal was

Enough hullabaloo surrounding potato salad, Isn't it time egg salad got its due? What came first, the egg or the potato???

Dave Berecz

O First created | 0 backed

See full blo Contact me





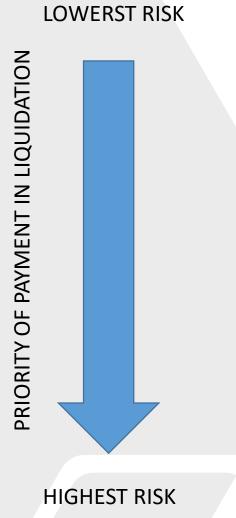




# ANOTHER TYPE OF CROWDFUNDING: SUBORDINATED DEBT WITH OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL PROFIT SHARING

- Subordinated means that all other debt is to be paid first in case of bankruptcy
- More attractive to crowdfunding investors because of profit sharing
- Benefits for company owners:
  - Subordinated debt could be assigned to equity and its therefor easier to obtain loans or credit
  - No loose of control of the firm
  - Profit sharing with crowdfunding investors is time limited vs. unlimited with equity investors
  - Lower interest rate could be offered to investors
  - Interest payment requires profit in previous year









# CROWDFUNDING TERMINOLOGY: CAMPAIGN TERMS

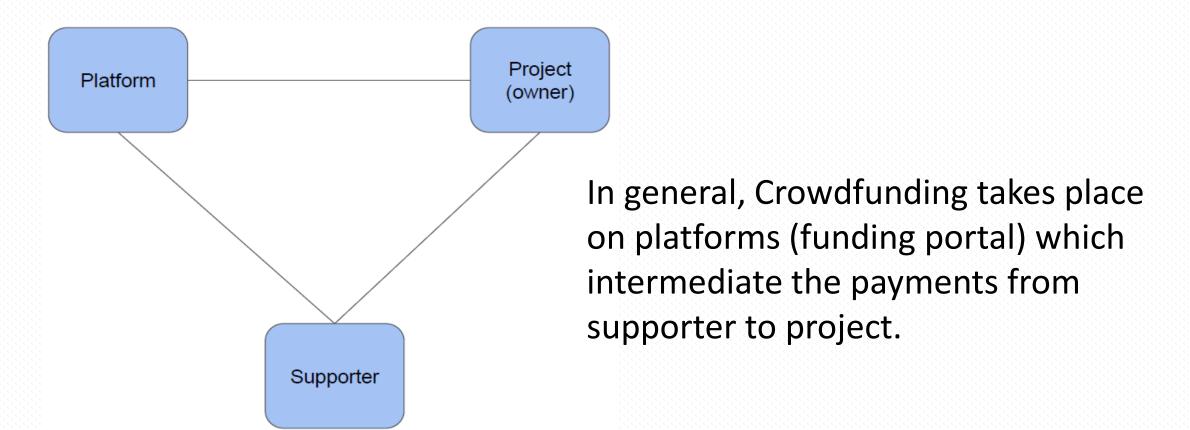
- CAMPAIGN
   all activities of the project to reach out to potential supporters
- **TIME**(often) specified time in which to reach the funding goal
- GOAL
   sum of money specified by the project owner

- THRESHOLD minimum funding goal (where applicable)
- MAXIMUM maximum funding goal (where applicable)
- REWARDS
   material or immaterial items given to the supporter during reward-based Crowdfunding





# **CROWDFUNDING MECHANICS:**



# 15 Minutes







## In Teams

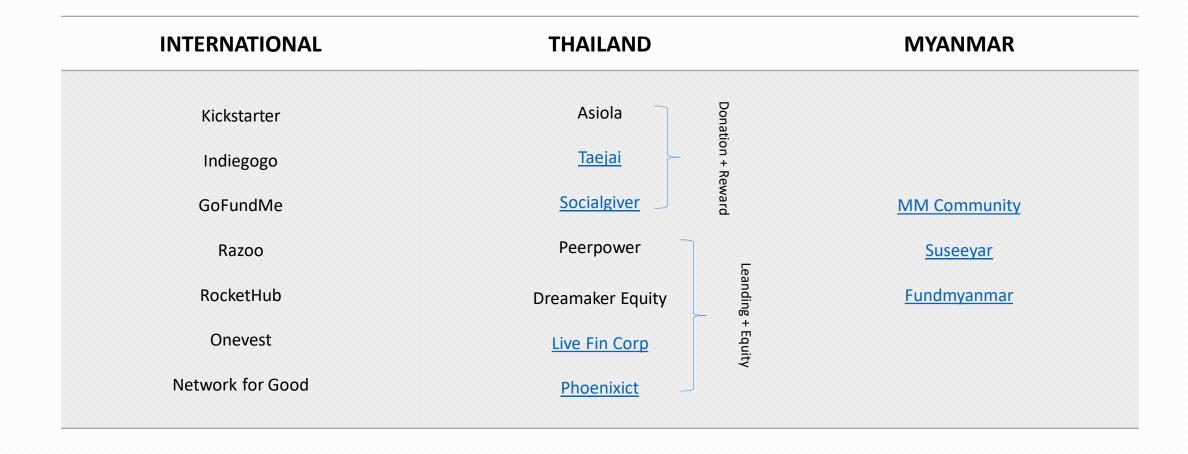
- 1. List as many crowdfunding platforms as you can
  - Which ones focus on social impact projects/social enterprises?
- 2. Find at least 2 examples of **social impact** projects**/social enterprises** asking for crowdfunding
  - Why would you support (or not) the project or enterprise?
- 3. In general, what do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of crowdfunding?







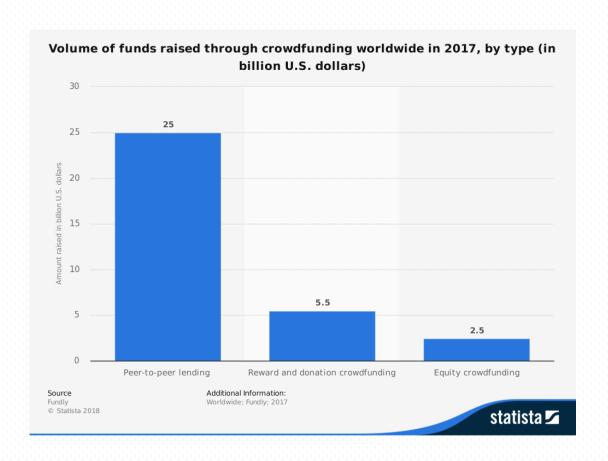
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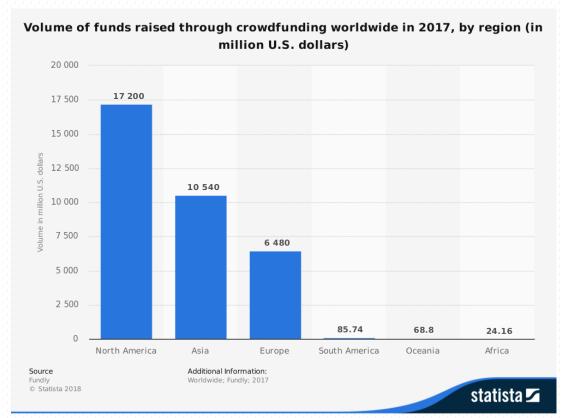






# **MARKET STATISTICS**



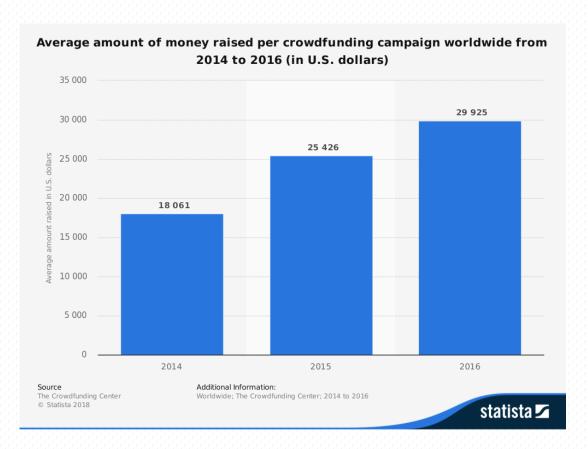


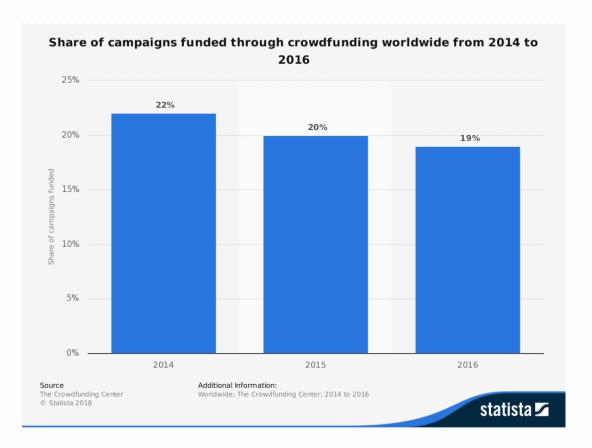




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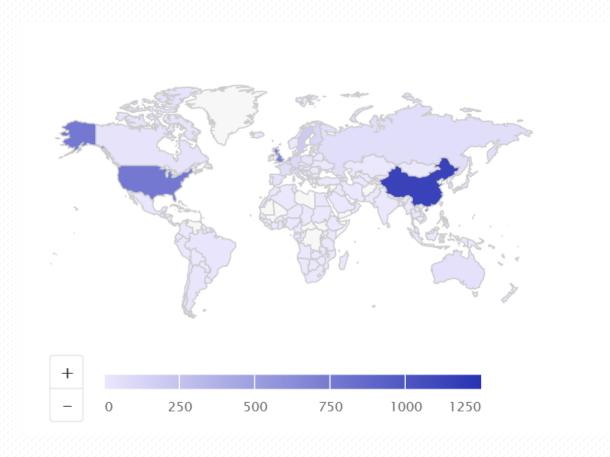








# MARKET STATISTICS CROWDFUNDING & CROWDINVESTING



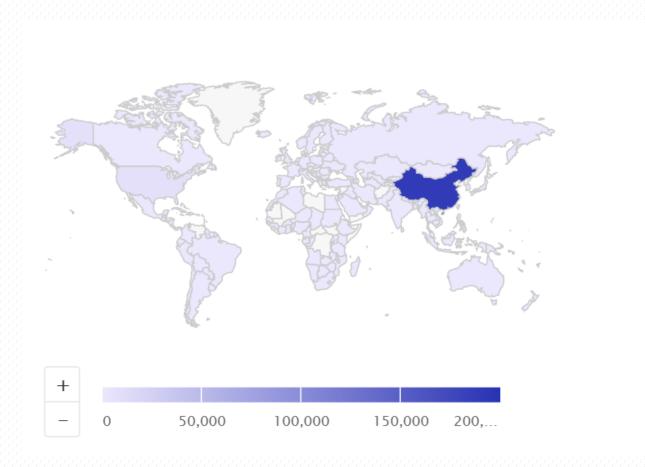
Top 5	
1. China	US\$1,140m
2. srael	US\$855m
3. <u>Substitution</u> United States	US\$765m
4. 🏭 United Kingdom	US\$728m
5. Netherlands	US\$399m
31. Thailand	US\$5m
59. 🗪 Myanmar	US\$1m





# **MARKET STATISTICS**

# **CROWDLENDING**



Top 5	
1. China	US\$190,498m
2. Multed States	US\$7,202m
3. 🚟 United Kingdom	US\$2,299m
4. ☑ Switzerland	US\$1,342m
5. 🚺 Italy	US\$699m
31. <b>⋘</b> Myanmar	US\$36m
128. Thailand	US\$2m

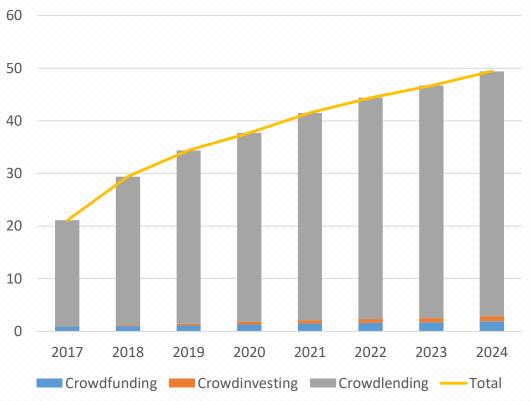
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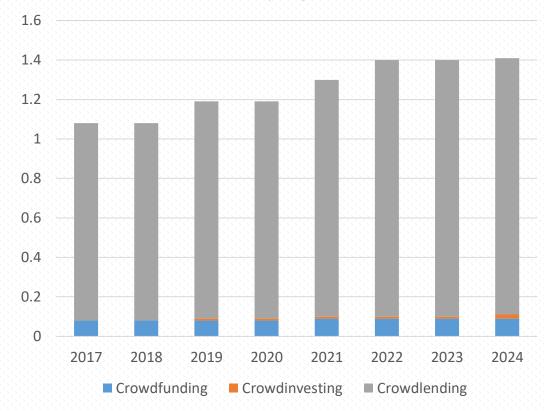


## **MYANMAR**





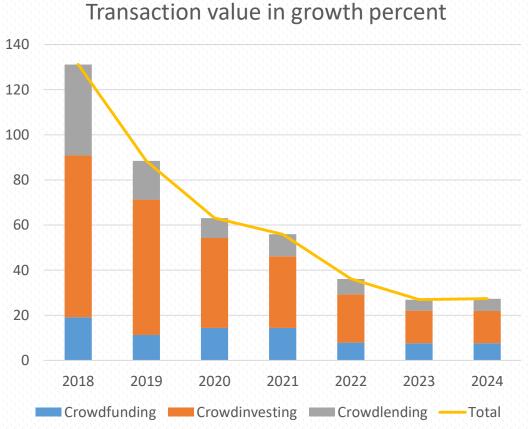
### Number of Campaigns in thousand

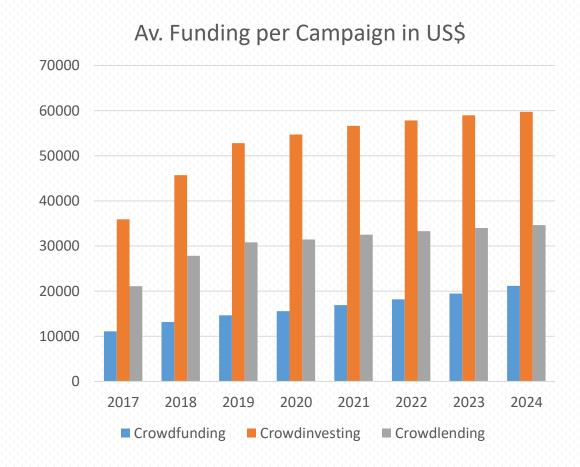






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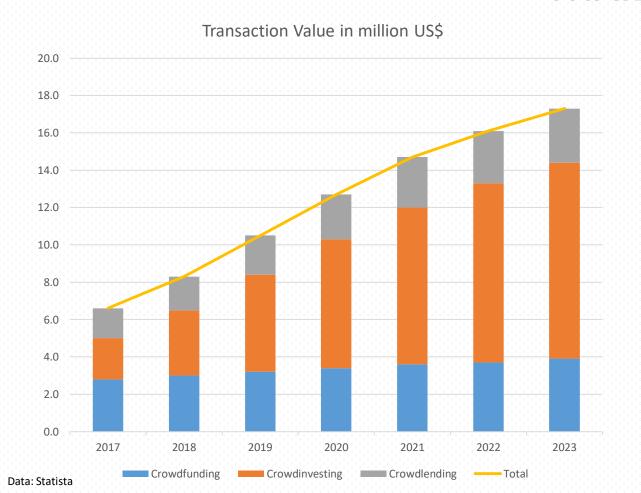


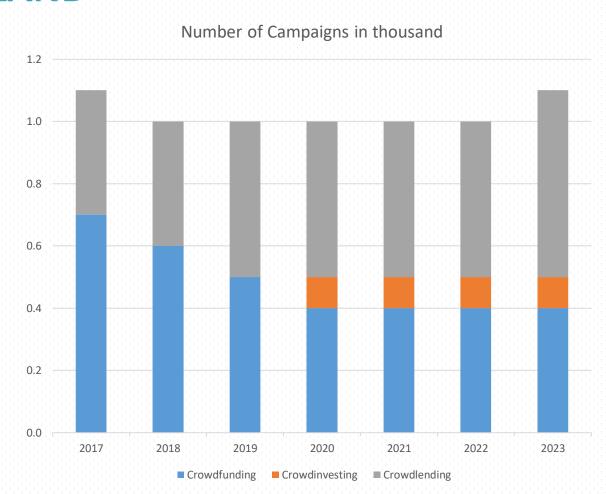






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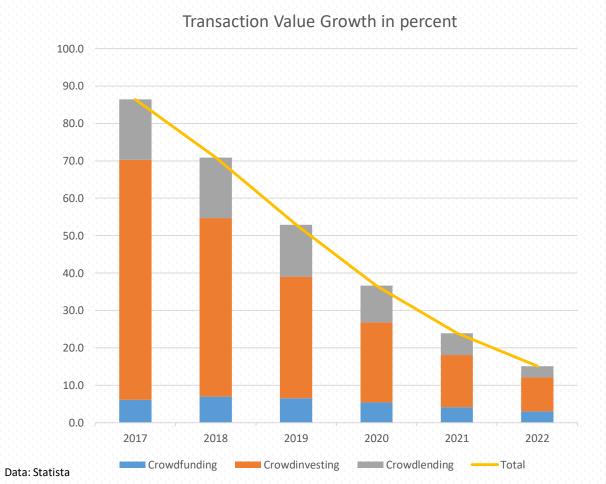


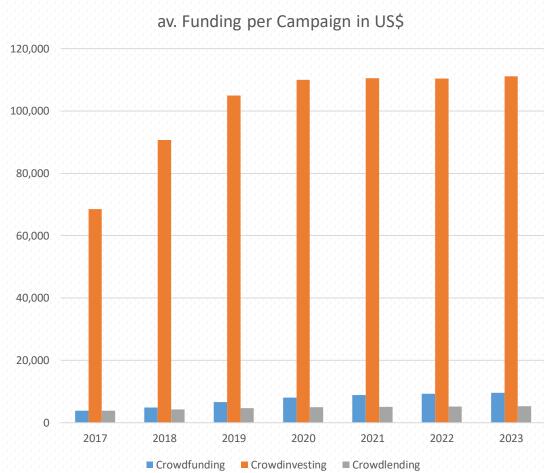






# THAILAND (cont'd)





# 15 Minutes







#### **CROWDFUNDING FRAMEWORK:**

#### **CROWDFUNDING PROCESS**

Identify
Prepare
Build

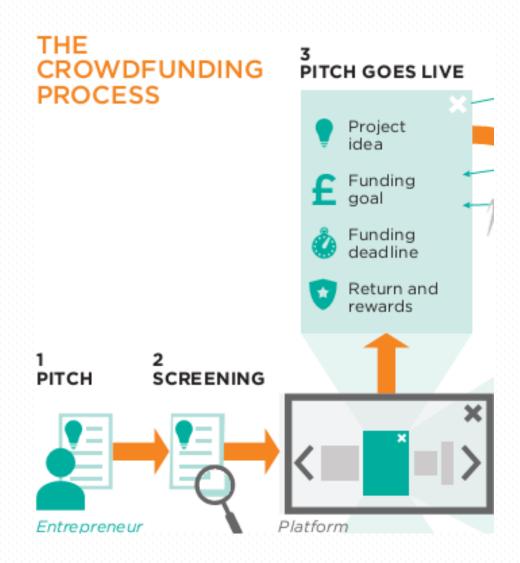
Generate
Engage
Update

Thank Fulfill Grow



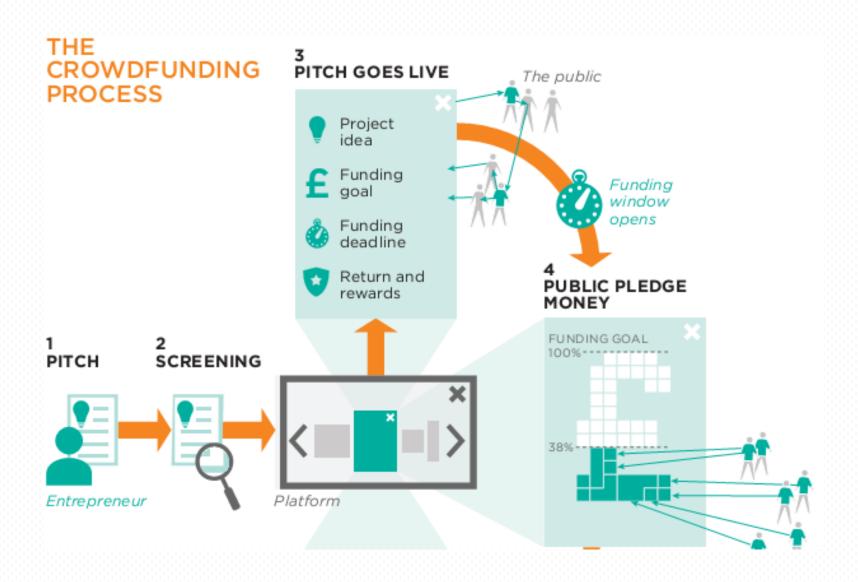


## HOW DOES IT WORK



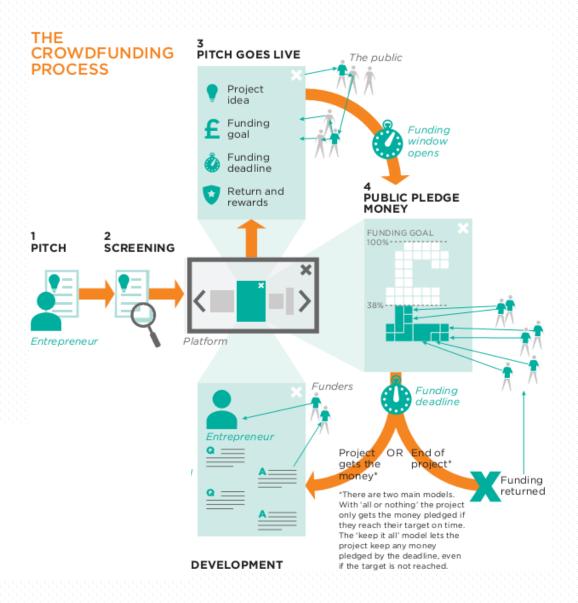






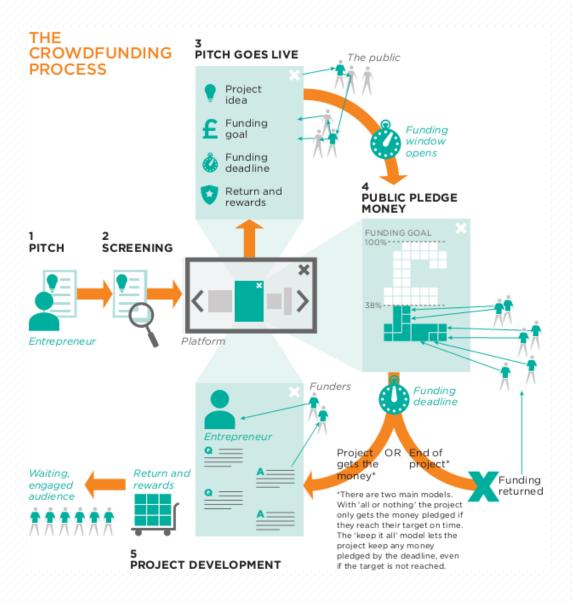
















#### ORGANISE YOUR CROWDFUNDING CAMPAIGN

A successful Crowdfunding campaign needs more than just publishing your project on a Crowdfunding platform.

IDENTIFY	PREPARE	BUILD
Define your goal, budget and milestones	Set up project and communication plan	Open account and set up payment
Write a business plan	Start a pre-launch page	Add campaign title
Build your team	Produce a campaign video, pics and graphics	Add your team and description texts
Choose the crowdfundingmodel and platform	Write a campaign text	Upload video and business plan
Imagine different scenarios	Write FAQ's	Publish your campaign





#### **RUN YOUR CROWDFUNDING CAMPAIGN**

After publishing your campaign, there's a lot of work to do to create buzz and keep your project going.

GENERATE	ENGAGE	UPDATE
Send personal mails and publish press release	Answer emails & FAQs	Inform about project status
Send direct messages	Plan a live Q&A session	Post inteviews & articles
Update your community	Start a refferal contest	Send out email-newsletter
Advertise in Social Media	Visit offline events	Send reminder to close contacts
Organise a kickoff event	Ask for feedback	Communicate new rewards & stretch goals
	BEWARE: the valley of tears	Present testimonials





#### FINISH YOUR CROWDFUNDING CAMPAIGN

After a successfully finished Crowdfunding campaign, don't forget your crowd!

THANK	FULFILL	GROW
Communicate your success	Invite your supporters to events	Identify "true" believers amongst your supporters
Thank your supporters	Reward supporters as promised	Work with your success
Update your campaign-page	Communicate milestones	Identify "true" believers amongst your supporters
Party with your teams	Invite your supporters to events	Work with your success
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Thank your supporters		





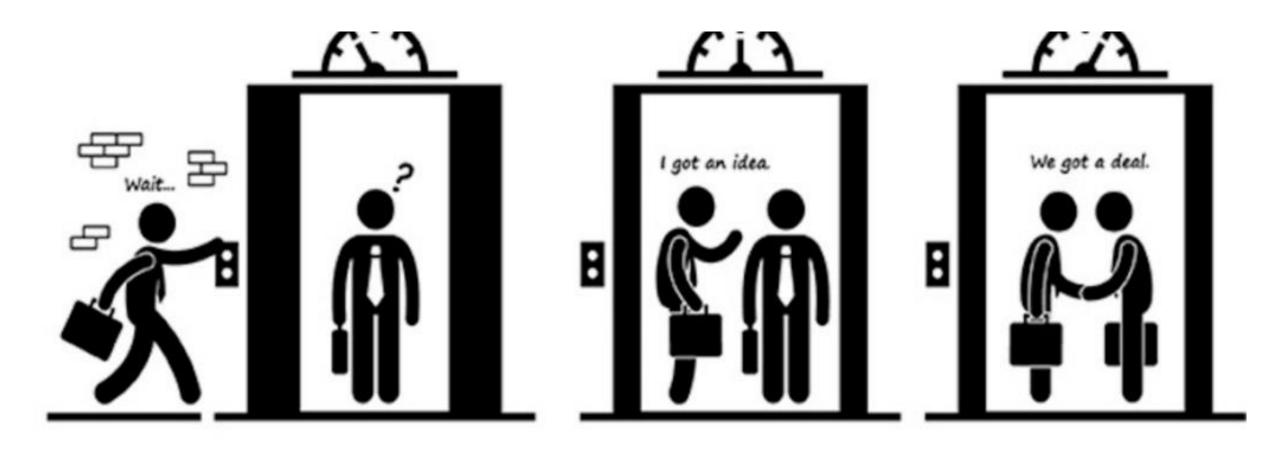
#### **In Your Teams**

Using your idea from the social business model canvas:

Create a crowdfunding pitch

Please present your results to the group

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Pitch—3 minutes MAX!!!





#### **DUE DILIGENCE OF PLATFORMS**

- Identify crowdfunding platforms that cater the needed form of funding, look for those that might have carried projects in the sector previously
- Study related projects, both successfull and unsucessfull ones
- Closely study the platform (information provided, funding process, fee structrues, legal terms (you might have to register to find these)
- Check numbers of projects, funding amounts, success rates, geographic focus and other historic data
- Decide and consider one or more platforms for the campaign





#### DUE DILIGENCE OF THE FIRM

- Agreements/ Term sheets firms need to have signed a term sheet prior to the due diligence in most cases (the term sheet sets out the terms of the contract to be entered into if the due diligence is successful).
- The due diligence this will typically involve a set of basic reviews that help characterise the business. These will most certainly always involve:
  - Evaluation of the management team
  - Audit of the financial accounts
  - Evaluation of the technology
  - Analysis of the intellectual property rights
  - Evaluating existing customers' recommendations





#### **VALUATION**

- The firms sets its own valuation, the crowdfunding platform will however influence the firm or may have their own method. Depending on the type of finance (debt, reward, equity) the methodologies will vary.
- Crowdfunding platforms have usually a standard contract to begin with, which
  can help simplify things; even the best lawyer might not be able to secure all
  interest at all times and firms can be assured that without legal advise they will
  most likely secure none of your interests.





#### **CROWDFUNDING:**

#### **BENEFITS**

- Access to "cheap money"
  - Risk transformation due to small amounts
- Potentially larger sums of fundraising
- Gain audience and publicity
- Build social and sustainability proof







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