



CROWDFUNDING

INTRODUCTION INTO THE PRINCIPLES OF CROWDFUNDING

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TOPICS

- What is Crowdfunding? - General principles
- Types of Crowdfunding
- Crowdfunding platforms
- Motivation – Pros and Cons
- Tipps & Tricks
- Examples for Crowdfunding campaigns
- Summary



WHAT IS CROWDFUNDING?

GENERAL PRINCIPLES



WHAT IS CROWDFUNDING?

- getting money
- from many investors („crowd“)
- generally for a specific project
- small contributions
- Internet-based

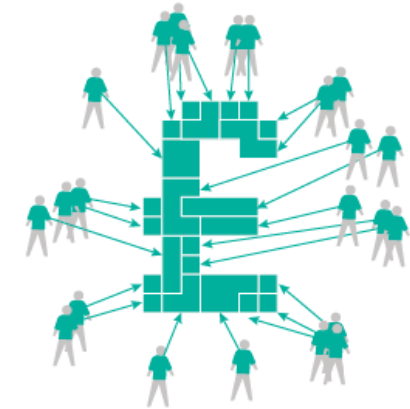
TRADITIONAL FUNDING

Large amounts from one, or a few, sources

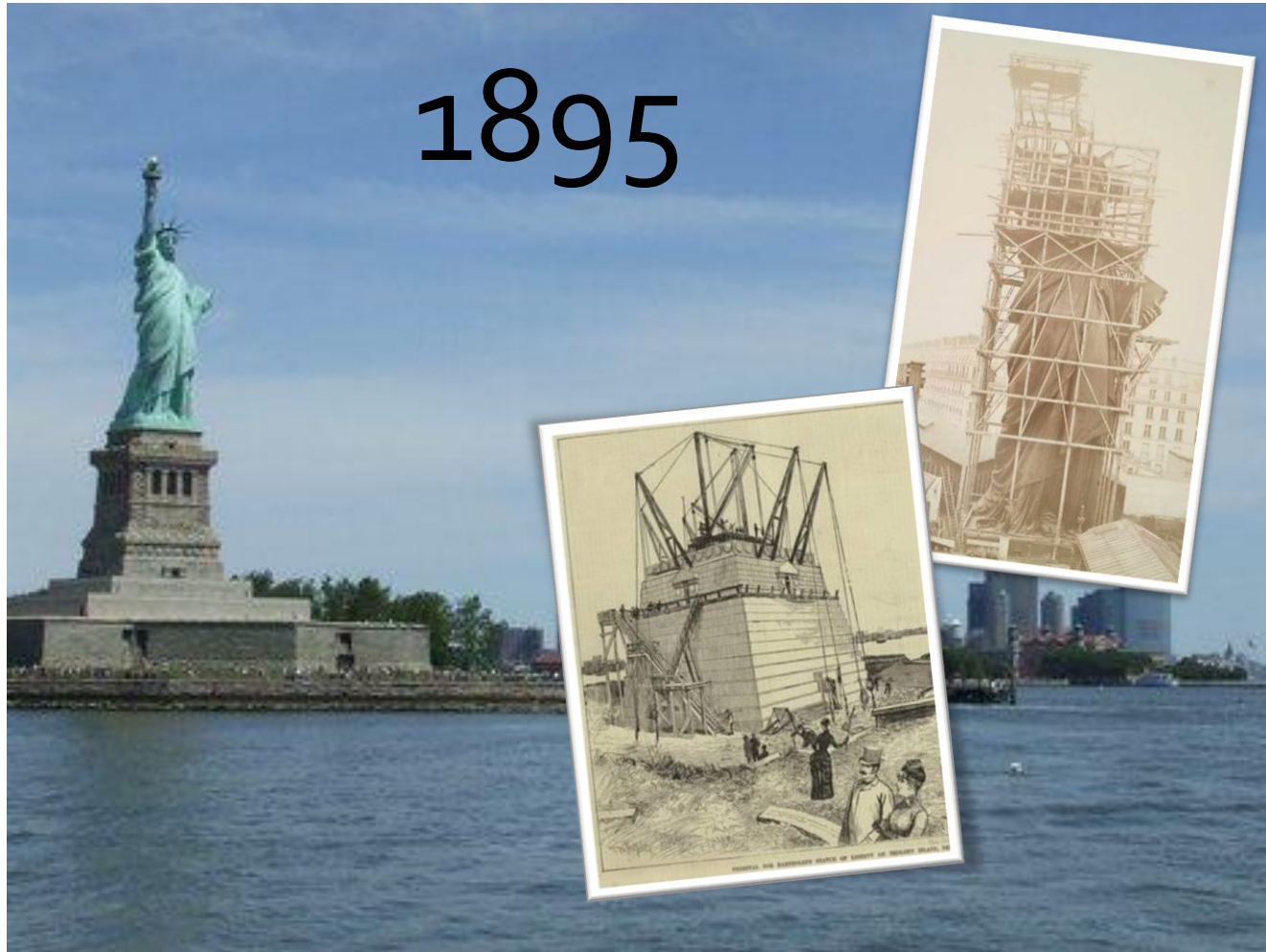


CROWDFUNDING

Many small sums from a large group of individuals



THE IDEA IS NOT NEW....



Early example: Basis of the Statue of Liberty

Josef Pulitzer was asking for donations in his newspaper „The New York World“.

He promised to publish the name of every single donor in his newspaper – independent from the amount given.

Supporters: > 120.000 citizens
Funding raised: \$ 101.091

WHAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF CF?



- **1997:** Marillion raised funding for a reunion tour via ArtistShare
- **2006:** *Prosper*, one of the pioneers in the peer-to-peer lending space, enables individuals to lend and borrow money outside of traditional banking channels.
- **2009:** Mainstream crowdfunding websites like Indiegogo are launched and the beginning of a new form of crowdsourcing financing
- **2012:** Jumpstart Our Business Startups (JOBS) Act in 2012 (by Obama); paved the way for a regulatory approach to protecting donors to crowdfunding projects -> made crowdfunding attractive as a significant source of funding
- **Factors contributing:** Economic and social crisis (imbalance of revenues, investment capabilities and investment returns), Crowdsourcing initiatives, internet development, success stories
- -> a combination of factors that make it *possible*



DEVELOPMENT CROWDFUNDING IN DE

2003 - 2015

2003
First „Fan
Funding“
platform
artistShare®

2006
SellaBand
#Crowdfunding

2008/09
Start in USA

2010/11
Start in DE

2015
> 80 Platforms in
Germany

INDIEGOGO

KICKSTARTER

SELLABAND

SEEDMATCH
CROWDFUNDING
FOR STARTUPS

Startnext

vision
bakery

bettervest
nachhaltig · effizient · rentabel

ecocrowd
Die Crowdfunding-Plattform für nachhaltige Projekte

Volksbanken
Raiffeisenbanken

VIELLE SCHAFFEN
MEHR

COMPANISTO

BERGFÜRST
Hier unternehmen Sie

science
starter

nordstarter
Crowdfunding für Hamburg

ZINSLAND
Hier gewinnen die guten Zinsen

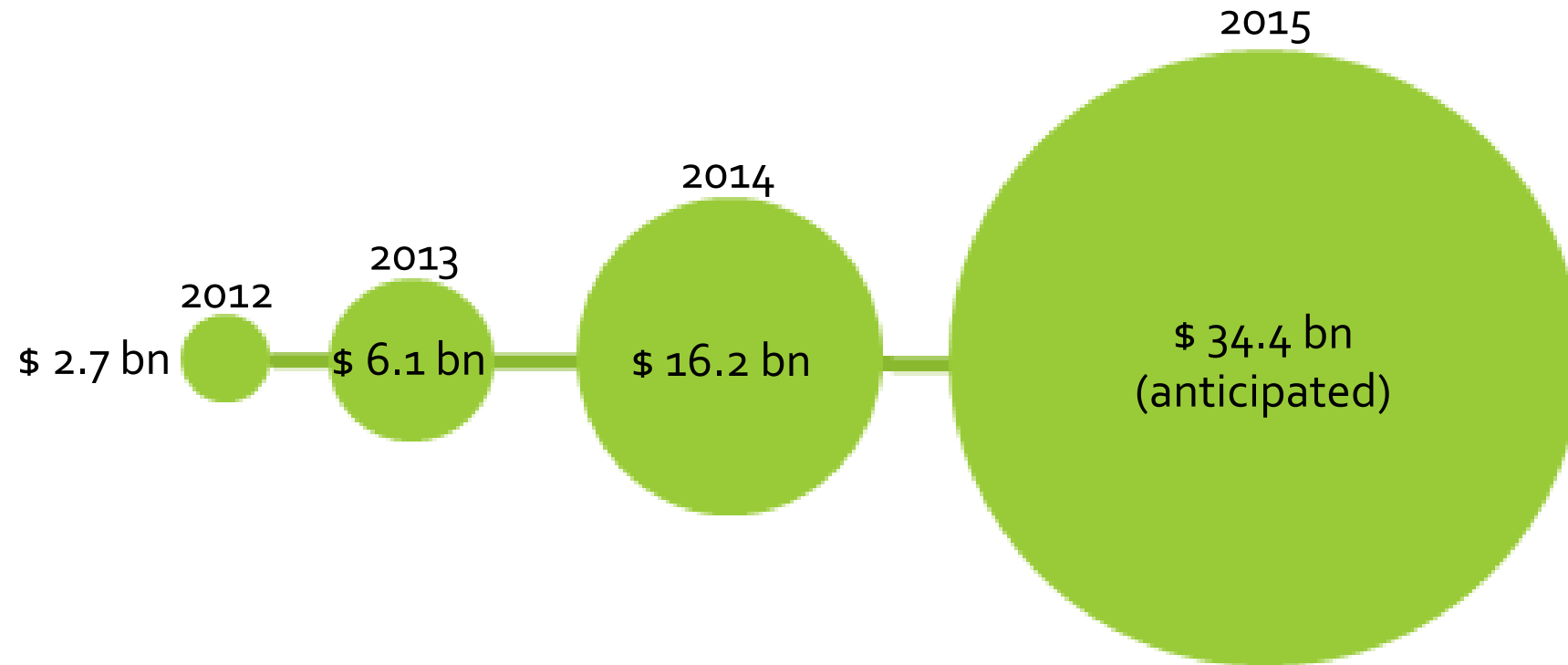
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2005

2010

2015

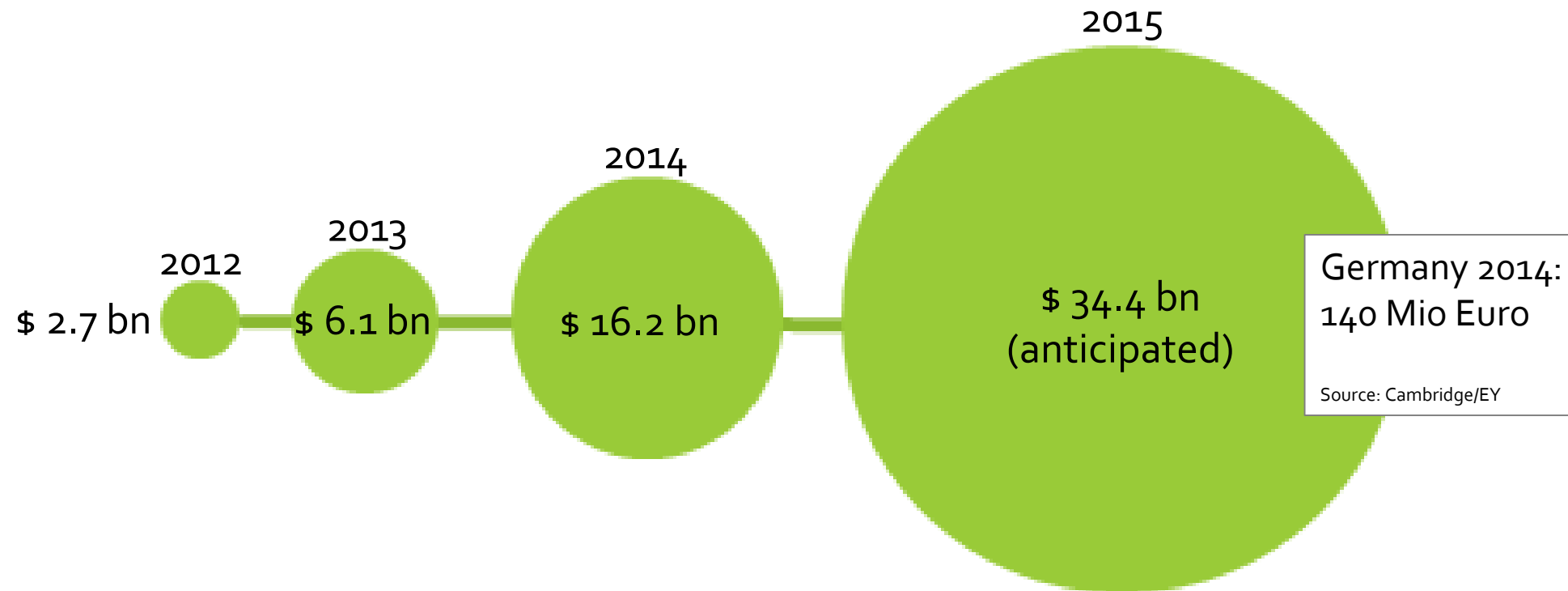
CROWDFUNDING – DEVELOPMENT 2012-2015



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VALUE OF CROWDFUNDING



\$65Bn

Estimated Revenue
Crowdfunding Added to the
Global Economy in 2014³



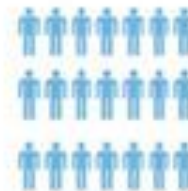
1,250

Number of
Crowdfunding
Platforms Worldwide⁴




410%

Equity crowdfunding
average growth rate
2012-2014⁵



270,000

Number of jobs
crowdfunding
created in 2014³



“[...] we saw \$16 billion crowdfunded in 2014, with 2015 estimated to grow to over \$34 billion.

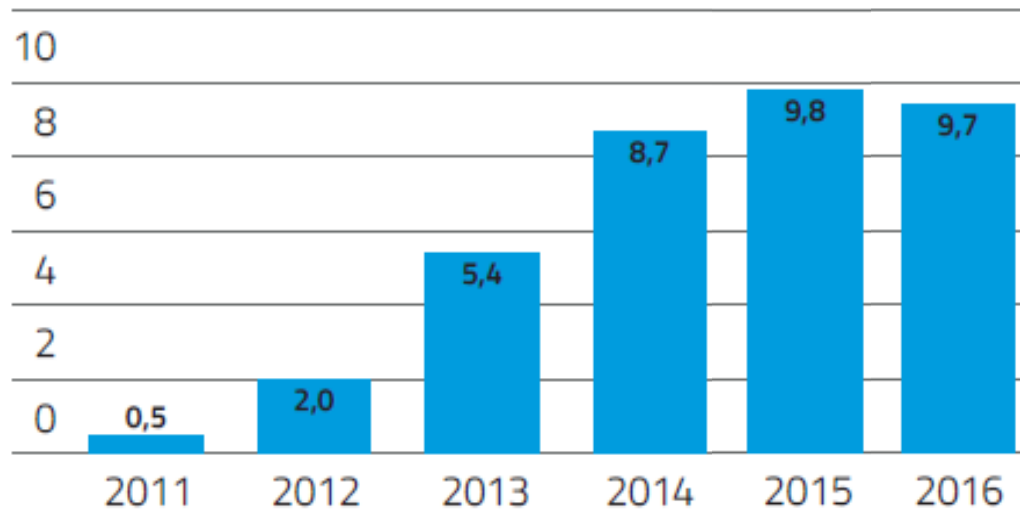
In comparison, the VC industry invests an average of \$30 billion each year.”

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EXAMPLE: GERMANY

Capital raised by Crowdfunding
2011-2016 (in Mio €)



Statistics 2016:

Projects in total: 1.158

Capital collected: 9.7 Mio €

Average project size: 8.368 €

Average # backers per project: 117 backer
(in 2015 = 105 backer)

Average funding per supporter and project: 72 €

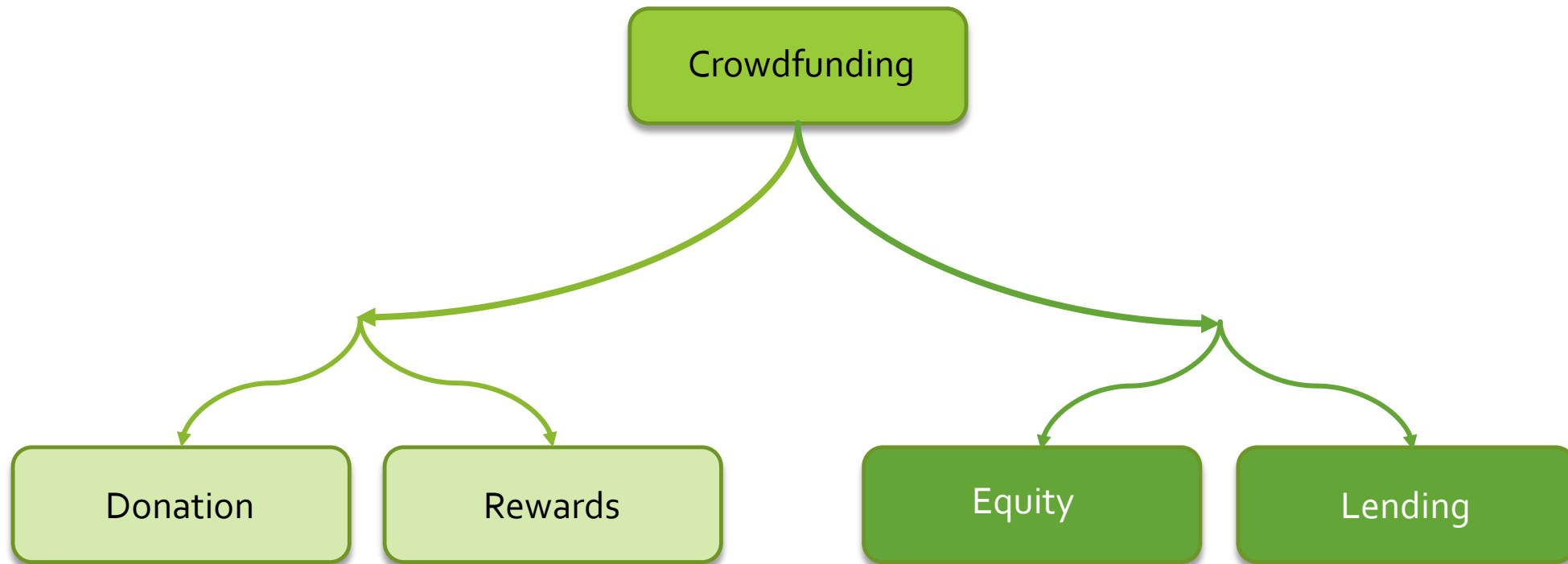




TYPES OF CROWDFUNDING



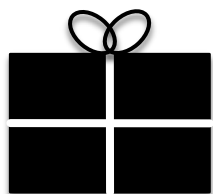
CROWDFUNDING CATEGORIES



DIFFERENT MODELS



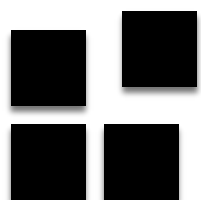
Donation based: Allows charities, or those who raise money for social or charitable projects, to gather a community online and to enable them to donate to a specific project.



Reward based: Enables people to contribute to projects and receive non-financial rewards in return, usually operating a tiered system where the more you donate the better the reward you receive.

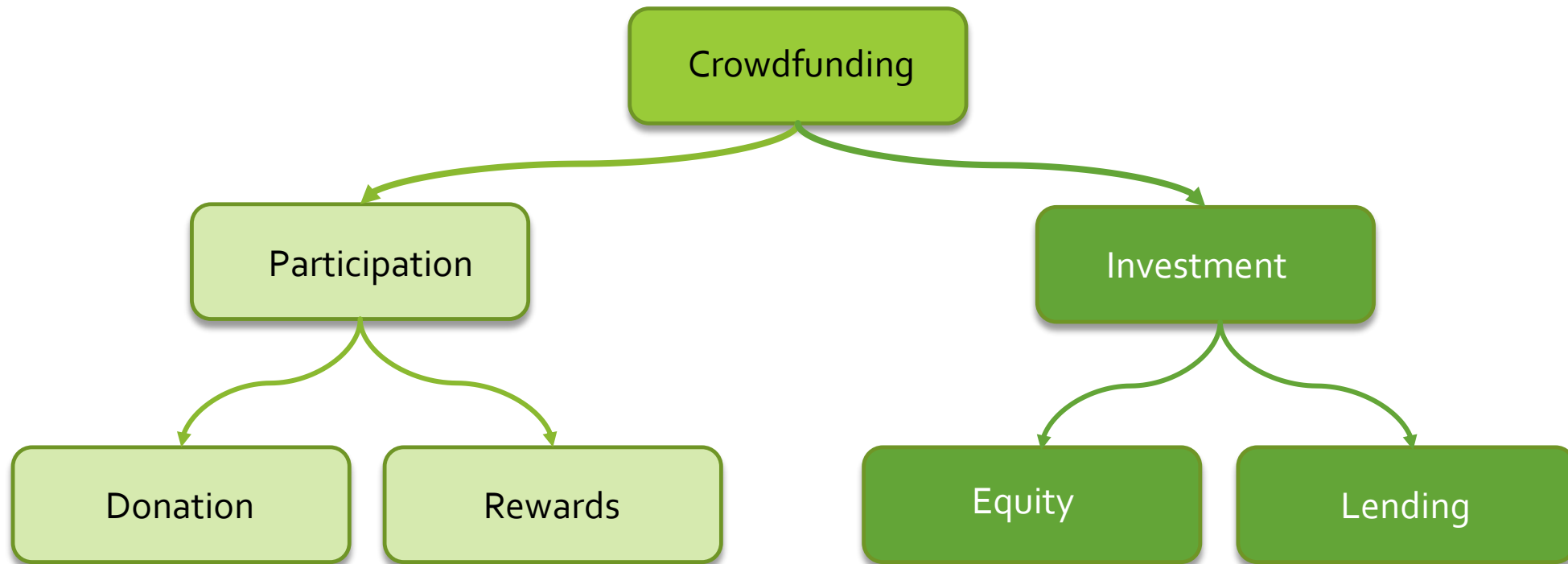


Lending based: Projects or businesses seeking debt apply through the platform uploading their pitch, with members of the crowd taking small chunks of the overall loan.



Equity based: Enables the crowd to invest for equity, or profit/revenue sharing in businesses or projects. This form of the model has been the slowest to grow due to regulatory restrictions that relate to this type of activity.

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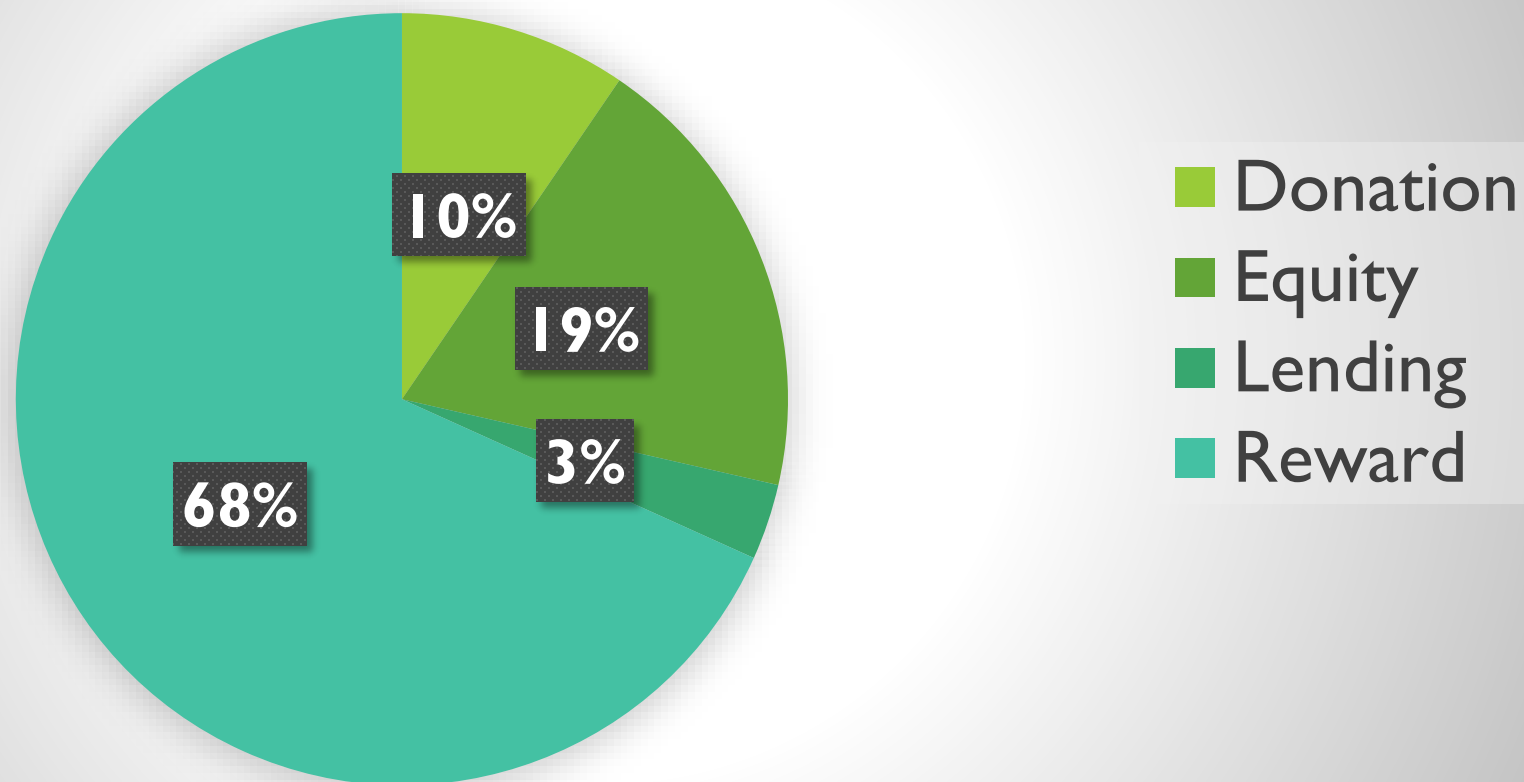


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CORWDFUNDING TYPES ON PLATFORMS 2013 (EUROPE + USA)

Crowdfunding types on common platforms (Europe)



Analysis of 63 platforms (Europe + main US platforms)

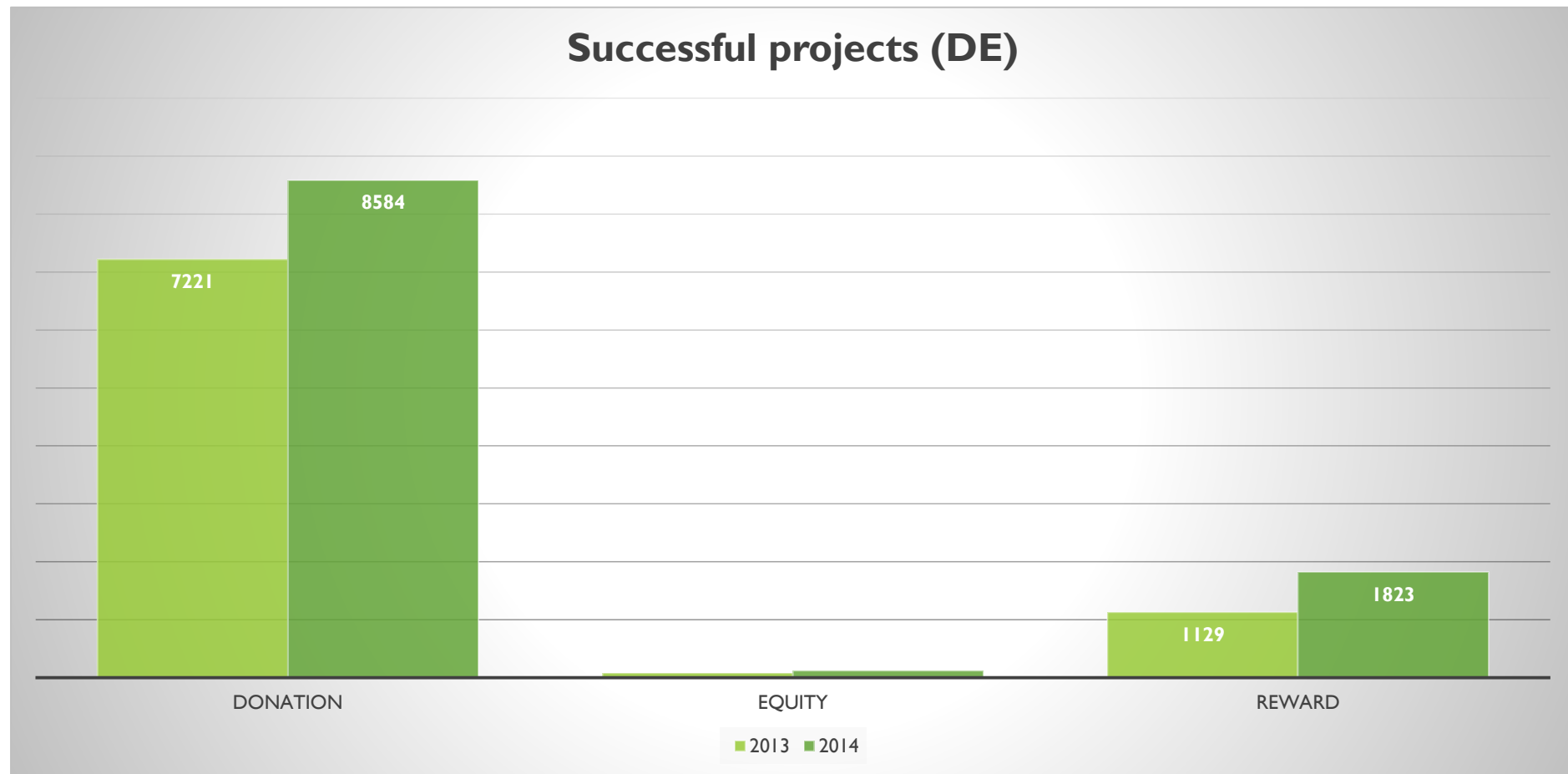
CROWDFUNDING BY TYPE

Total Global Crowdfunding Industry estimated fundraising volume in 2015: **\$34 Billion**

Breakdown:

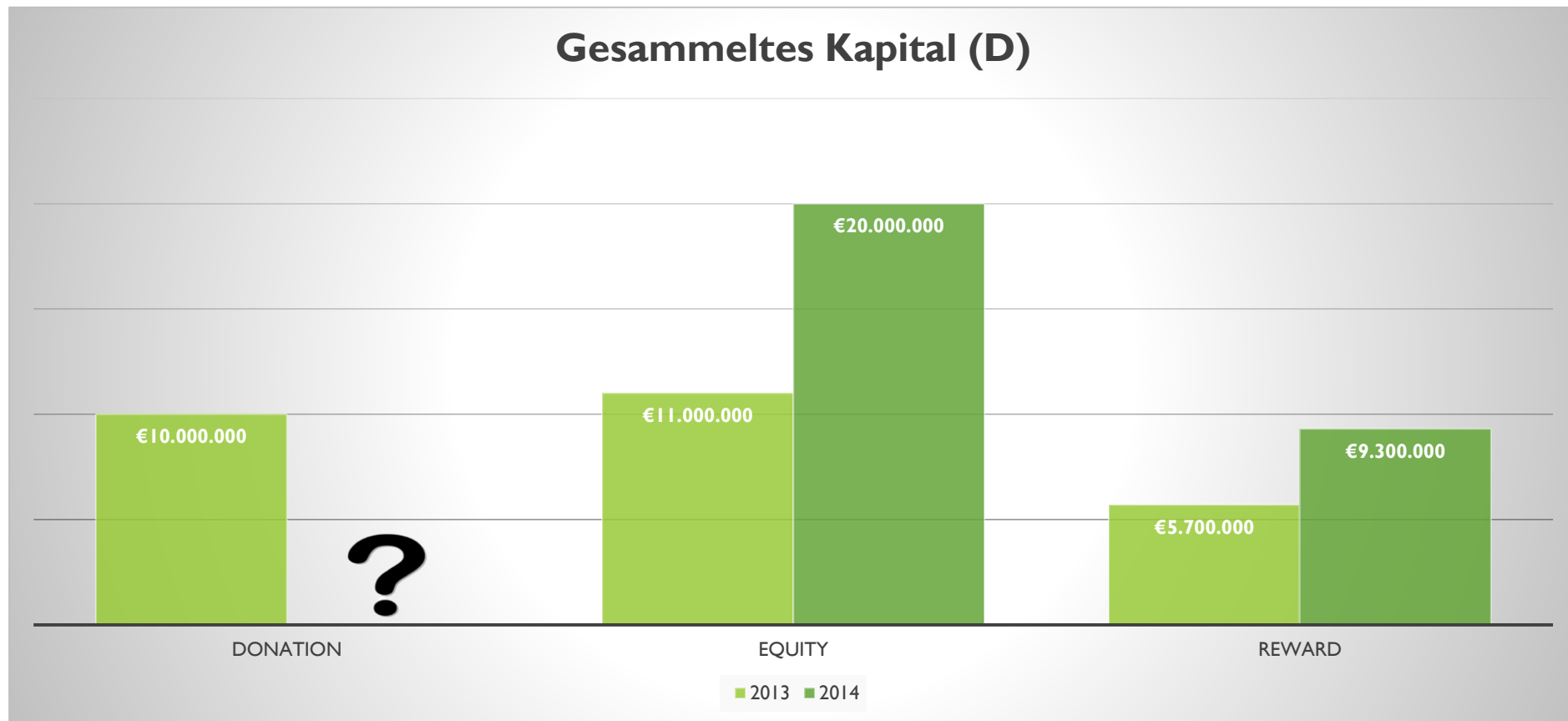
- Reward and Donation Crowdfunding: \$5.5B
- Equity Crowdfunding: \$2.5B
- P2P Lending: \$25B

SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS 2013 VS. 2014 (DE)



Successful CF projects in Germany. Source: Data from 22 platforms in 2013 and 2014

CROWDFUNDING 2013 VS. 2014 (DE)



Erfolgreiche Projekte (Deutschland) Quelle: Auswertung 2013 – 2014 Datensatz: 22 Plattformen, Donation auf „?“ da Plattform „betterplace.org“ begann Statistik zu verstecken





CROWDFUNDING PLATFORMS



THE RISE OF THE PLATFORMS



TOP 3 CROWDFUNDING PLATFORMS

Site	Total Raised	Supporters	Platform Fee	Payment Fee	Important to Know
	\$5B	50M	0%	2.9% + \$0.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Can withdraw immediately and deposits take 2-5 business days ✓ 24/7 rapid email support, mobile app, superior add beneficiary feature ✓ GoFundMe Guarantee protects donors and beneficiaries from fraud
KICKSTARTER	\$3B	14M	5%	3.0% + \$0.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Specializes in creative projects with robust reward level feature — 14-day wait to withdraw and deposits take 5-7 business days — Limited email support hours, requires Kickstarter approval to launch
	\$1B	9M	5%	3.0% + \$0.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Offers "flexible funding" pay more fees to not hit goal — 3-week wait to withdraw and deposits take 2-5 business days — Limited email support hours

SUCCESS BY TOPICS (WIKIPEDIA)

Funding range	Successful topics	Remarks
Over 10 Mio \$	Blockchain, video games/gaming	1 food project („Flow Hive“)
5-10 Mio \$	Blockchain, gaming, hard-/software, movie	
1-5 Mio \$	Blockchain, gaming, watch, movie, hard-/software, 3D print, camera	Food projects: “The Vegetarian Butcher Plant-Based Plant”, Stone Brewery, drink “Soylent”, molecular ice cream “Kyl21”

TOP 3 CROWDFUNDING PLATFORMS

KICKSTARTER

Stats

\$3,460,239,235

total dollars pledged to Kickstarter projects

137,494

Successfully funded projects

14,071,248

Total backers

4,542,634

Repeat backers

42,853,794

Total pledges

Projects and Dollars

Category	Launched Projects	Total Dollars	Successful Dollars	Unsuccessful Dollars	Live Dollars	Live Projects	Success Rate
All	385,585	\$3.46 B	\$3.07 B	\$377 M	\$16 M	2,888	35.93%
Games	35,583	\$745.93 M	\$682.00 M	\$61.98 M	\$1.95 M	305	35.73%
Design	30,367	\$730.95 M	\$658.73 M	\$67.16 M	\$5.06 M	302	35.20%
Technology	32,988	\$702.19 M	\$610.12 M	\$86.45 M	\$5.62 M	373	19.95%
Film & Video	65,313	\$397.64 M	\$335.25 M	\$61.90 M	\$490.45 K	349	37.13%
Music	54,492	\$207.16 M	\$189.64 M	\$17.16 M	\$362.43 K	277	49.46%
Fashion	23,025	\$133.89 M	\$116.81 M	\$16.52 M	\$550.14 K	250	24.83%
Publishing	40,434	\$133.64 M	\$116.00 M	\$16.92 M	\$728.23 K	313	30.81%
Food	24,817	\$126.74 M	\$106.49 M	\$19.68 M	\$568.61 K	198	24.89%
Art	28,420	\$90.80 M	\$80.24 M	\$10.10 M	\$466.16 K	205	40.96%
Comics	10,897	\$72.33 M	\$67.27 M	\$4.86 M	\$196.24 K	86	54.23%
Theater	10,888	\$40.41 M	\$36.09 M	\$4.22 M	\$109.24 K	44	59.95%
Photography	10,888	\$38.23 M	\$33.24 M	\$4.90 M	\$96.36 K	53	30.65%
Crafts	8,852	\$14.45 M	\$11.91 M	\$2.48 M	\$66,480	84	23.96%
Dance	3,799	\$13.09 M	\$12.21 M	\$856.45 K	\$21,697	18	62.13%
Journalism	4,822	\$12.78 M	\$10.82 M	\$1.89 M	\$73,304	31	21.52%

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All	137,494	16,923	76,589	19,849	19,409	4,451	273
Music	26,813	2,665	19,052	3,546	1,474	74	2
Film & Video	24,122	2,763	13,600	3,812	3,572	369	6
Games	12,605	961	5,082	2,291	3,166	1,013	92
Publishing	12,362	1,812	7,687	1,640	1,135	88	0
Art	11,557	2,784	7,037	1,042	636	53	5
Design	10,582	700	3,567	1,856	3,227	1,171	61
Technology	6,506	390	1,776	902	2,074	1,269	95
Theater	6,501	924	4,753	558	251	15	0
Food	6,127	636	2,558	1,440	1,410	76	7
Comics	5,863	781	3,650	710	637	84	1
Fashion	5,654	747	2,503	1,048	1,154	198	4
Photography	3,321	618	1,845	484	352	22	0
Dance	2,349	218	1,837	222	71	1	0
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KICKSTARTER

Partnerships & Support:
Indiegogo vs. Kickstarter

	GO	KS
Design, Prototyping and Manufacturing Partners Through an innovative program with Arrow, you'll have partners at your side from design to prototyping and manufacturing.	✓	✗
Cutting-Edge Technology from Leading Partners From our support for Apple Pay on the web to our robust integration with Stripe, we work with leading companies so all users benefit.	✓	✗
Fulfillment Partners Get fulfillment assistance from dedicated partners, including Amplifier and Brookstone.	✓	✗
Retail Partners Sell your product on major e-commerce platforms through dedicated retail partners, including Amazon and Newegg.	✓	✗
24-7 Support from Real People Receive round-the-clock support from our customer happiness team.	✓	✗

Flexibility & Reach:
Indiegogo vs. Kickstarter

	GO	KS
Multiple Funding Models Option to keep whatever funds you raise, even if you don't hit your goal.	✓	✗
Open Platform Raise money for anything – no application or approval process.	✓	✗
Global Fund Distribution Receive funds in almost every country.	✓	✗
Worldwide Reach Run a crowdfunding campaign from almost any country or territory.	✓	✗

Tools:
Indiegogo vs. Kickstarter

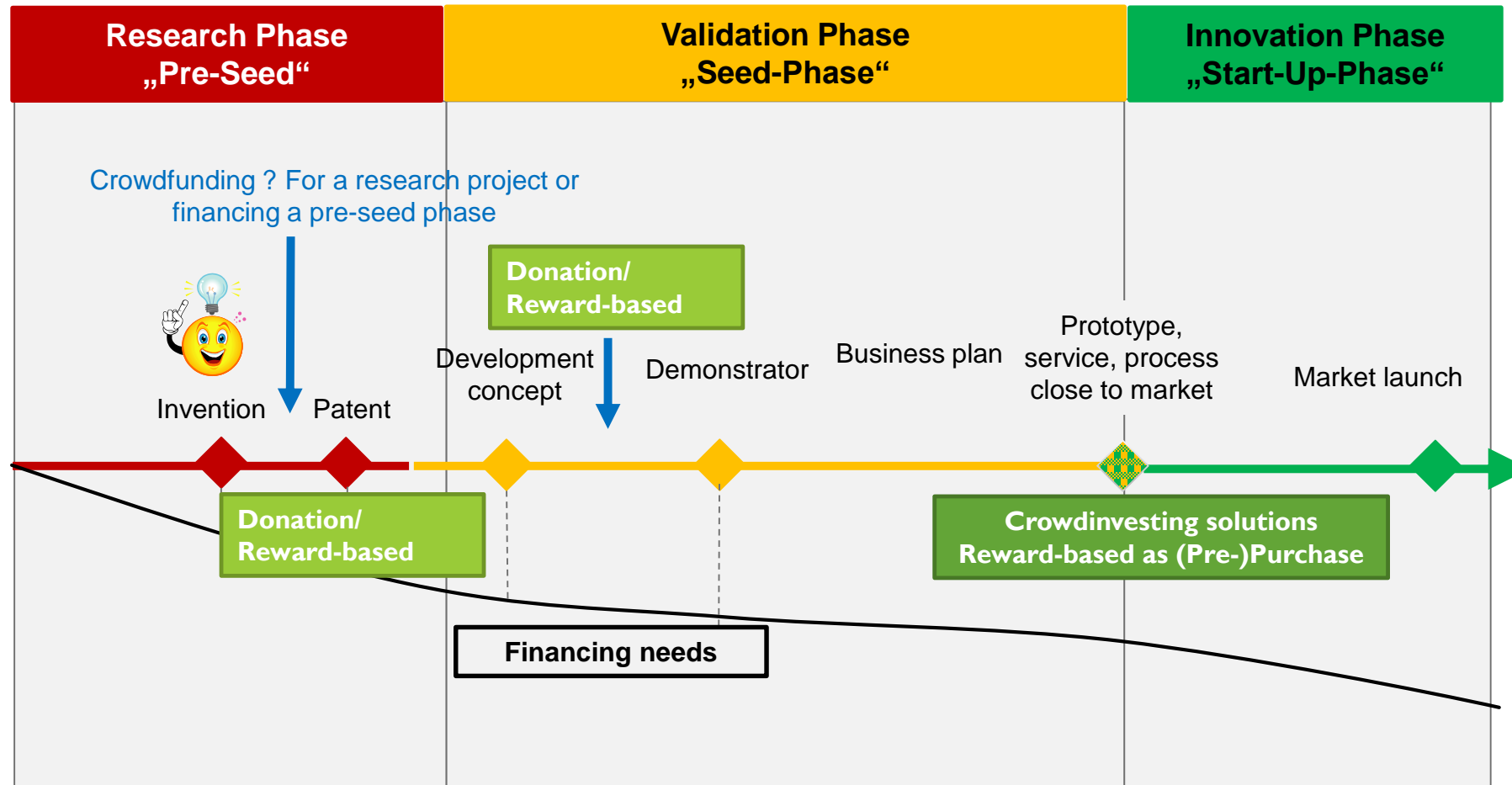
	GO	KS
Pre-Campaign Easily capture email addresses before your campaign launches.	✓	✗
Equity Crowdfunding* Raise money from an engaged community of investors while maintaining company control.	✓	✗
InDemand + Marketplace Continue raising money and building your community after your crowdfunding campaign is over.	✓	✗



MOTIVATION – PROS AND CONS



FUNDING VS. INVESTMENT



WHY CHOOSE A CF CAMPAIGN?

Starter

- money for an aim / product / project / initiative
- proof of concept / feedback
- attention of the media
- establishment of a community
- gain power users & evangelists

Crowd

- buy an innovative product
- support of a „good“ project
- participation
- bragging rights
- high interest yield
- jackpot mentality

RISK OF CROWDFUNDING

- Reputation, e.g. in case:
 - distrust from customers concerning the reasons for crowdfunding
 - unsuccessful campaign
 - successful campaign but
 - team not able to deliver
 - quality / performance of product or service (prototype vs final)
 - lacking Backer management / integration / communication

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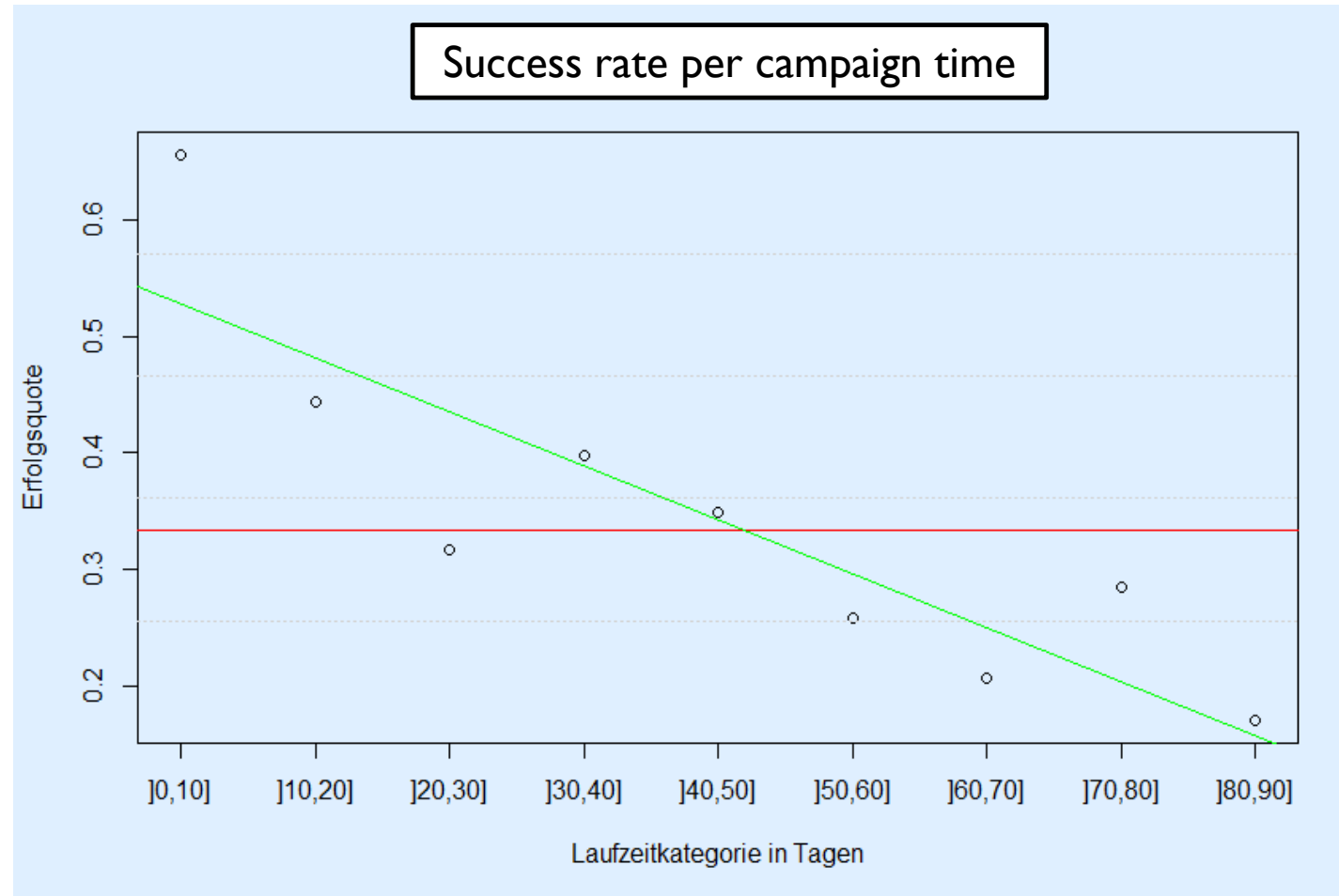
- Financial, e.g. in case:
 - unsuccessful campaign
 - campaign costs and manpower
 - successful campaign:
 - underestimated input/time/costs for rewards (especially physical goods: manufacturing, handling, shipping, ...)
 - taxes & legal fees
- may scare of VCs / Business Angels in any case



TIPPS & TRICKS



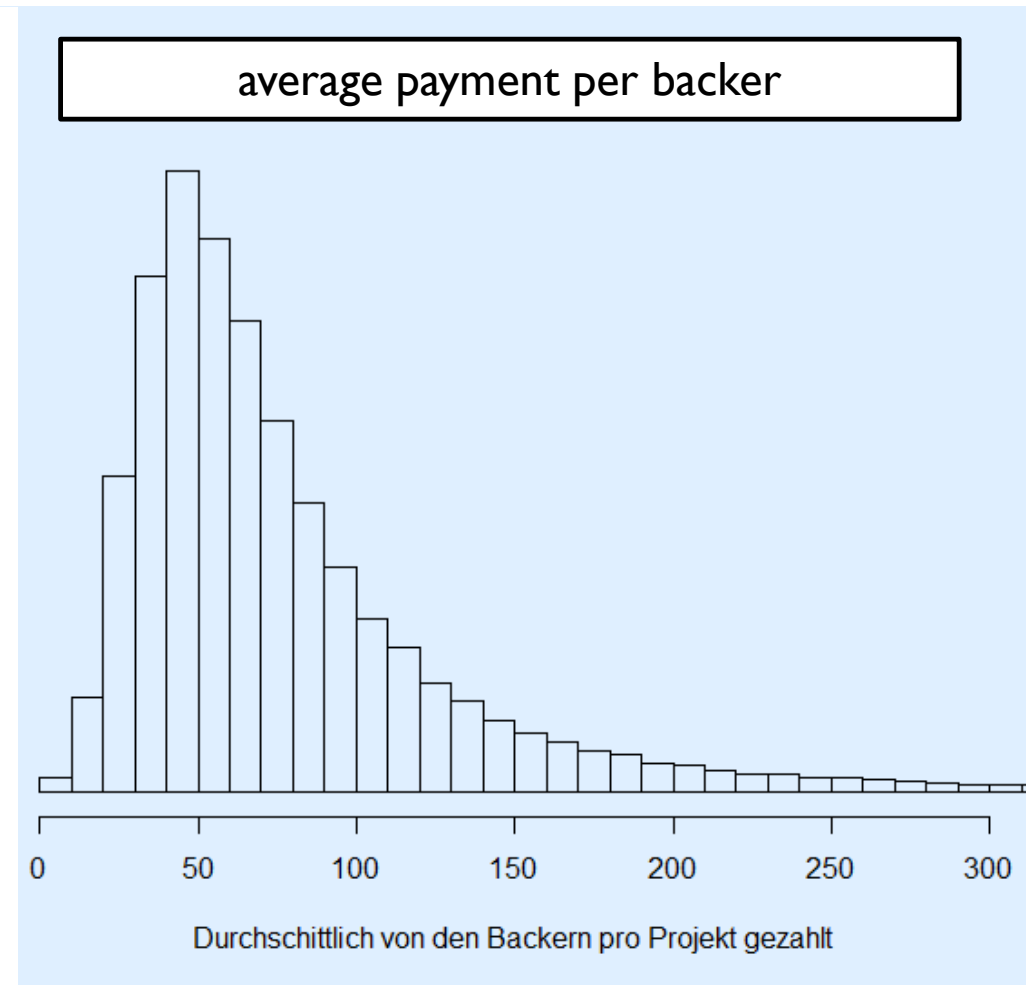
SUCCESS CRITERIA – TIME



SUCCESS CRITERIA – REWARD TIERS



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S: Status

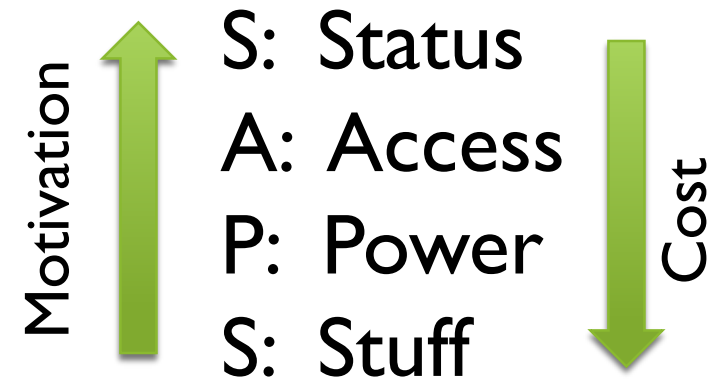
A: Access

P: Power

S: Stuff

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SUCCESS CRITERIA – DON'T BE GREEDY



COSTS FOR A CAMPAIGN

SCENARIO: 20T vs 40T campaign goal (via Kickstarter)

Fixed Costs:	optimizing webpage	€ 1000
	semi-pro videographer fee	€ 1000
	copywriter fee	€ 700
	advertising	€ 250
	internal manpower (1000 – 5000)	€ 2000
	Sum ca:	€ 5000

Variable costs (20T vs 40T):

profit sharing fee (at 5 percent)	€ 1000	€ 2000
processing fee (at 3 percent)	€ 600	€ 1200
pledge fee (at 20 cents)	€ 100	€ 200
production and shipping of the rewards	€ 800	€ 1600
Sum:	€ 2500	€ 5000

20T => -7.5T€ ➔ costs: 37,5%
40T => -10T€ ➔ costs: 25%

Don't think (too) small!

10 TIPS FOR A CROWDFUNDING CAMPAIGN

1. Analyse fit: Crowdfunding model & platform
2. “Lessons Learned” from comparable projects
3. Financial goal: realistic, only project specific cost, cost-effective (e.g stretch goals)
4. Attractive rewards (what the crowd thinks, not you ! 😊) + SAPS + digital vs. physical
5. The story is the key : unique and presented according to audience & platform
6. Professional approach and mindset
7. Build a strong kick-off and keep the momentum
9. The crowd and (their) social media is the key
10. Do it your way!



CROWDFUNDING CAMPAIGNS

EXAMPLES



„STAR CITIZEN“ KICKSTARTER CAMPAIGN (2012)



“The traditional publishers don't believe in PC or Space Sims. Venture Capitalists only want to back mobile or social gaming start ups.”

Kickstarter Campaign: 10/10 – 19/11/2012

35.000 supporters
raised ~ 2.15 Mio USD

„Reclaim the stars in the exciting new Space Epic from legendary game designer Chris Roberts.“

Developed by
Cloud Imperium Games Corporation

...one of the most successful CF campaigns for games

„STAR CITIZEN“ ONGOING CF / PRE-PURCHASE WEB-CAMPAIGN

Digital Add-Ons

Blackbeard Stealth Skin: +\$5

False Colors Skin: +\$5

Add-On Ship: Aurora +\$25

Add-On Ship: Constellation +\$225

Digital Download: Star Map +\$5

Digital Download: Star Citizen Novella written by Dave Haddock, the man behind the Time Capsule and Spectrum

Dispatch lore. (delivery TBA) +\$15

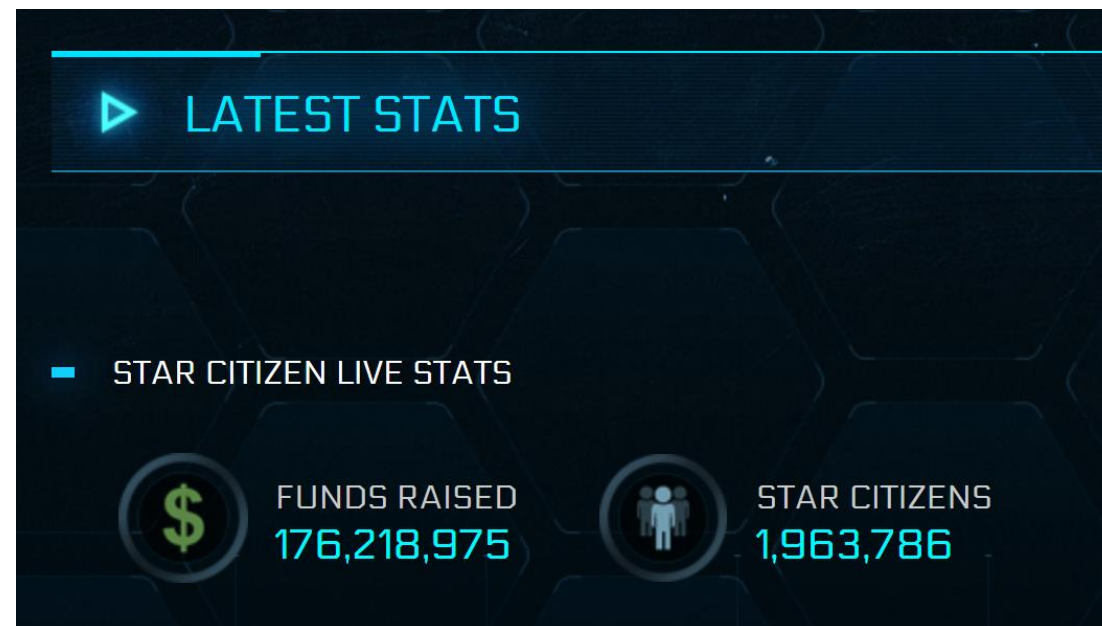
Physical Add-Ons

Fold up glossy full color map of the game universe +\$10

- CD of game soundtrack +\$20

- Hardback bound 42 Page Book "Squadron 42 Manual" +\$20

- Spaceship shaped USB stick +\$30



EXAMPLE „PANONO“

Development of a 360° camera, company started in 2012

- Collected 1.25 Mio USD on Indiegogo CF Platform (aim was 1 Mio USD)
- Collected another 1.7 Mio € Crowdfunding via Companisto Platform in 2014
- Now are insolvent; production more expensive and time-consuming than expected, could not deliver to backers



PANONO
Panoramic Ball Camera



KENKODO – SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN IN 2014

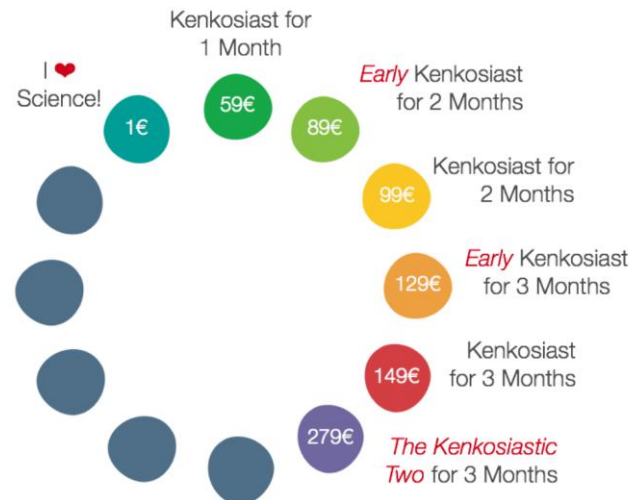
INDIEGOGO



METABOLOMIC
DISCOVERIES

CLOSED

Select a Perk



Kenkodo: the first comprehensive body tracker

Understand your body metabolism and live healthier. Take part in crowd science.



Nicolas Schauer
Berlin, Germany
[About](#)

€51,122 EUR raised by 301 backers

102% of €50,000 fixed goal

INDIEGOGO – HEALTH PROJECTS



HEALTH & FITNESS

ONE SMARTDIET: measure body fat with OneSoftDigm
New Year, New You! One smartdiet to help you make and keep your health.

\$18,271 USD 183 %

183%

35 days left



HEALTH & FITNESS

World's First Augmented Reality Glasses for Autism
Empower children & adults on the spectrum to teach themselves life skills for happy self-sufficiency

\$125,018 USD 1.245 %

InDemand



FUNDING

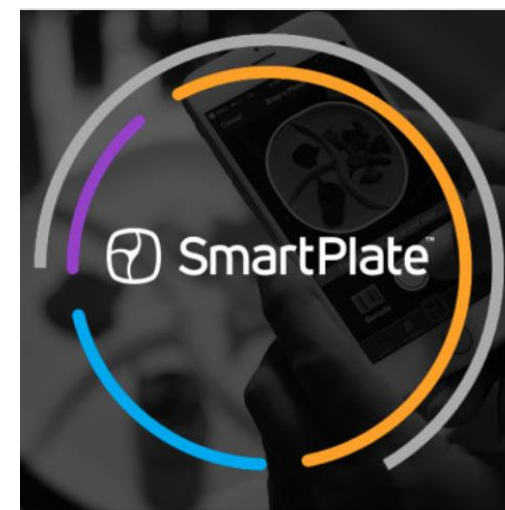
Amabrush - World's First Automatic Toothbrush

Amabrush is the world's first, fully automatic toothbrush.

HEALTH & FITNESS

€4,419,424 EUR raised 6396%

Now funding through **InDemand**



HEALTH & FITNESS

Smart Plate TopView: Your Personal Nutritionist
The world's first Intelligent Nutrition Platform that instantly analyzes everything you eat.

\$147,611 USD 127 %

InDemand

KICKSTARTER – ONGOING HEALTH PROJECTS



Dygma Raise - The world's most advanced gaming keyboard

by Luis "Deilor" Sevilla

€133,461 pledged
157% funded
13 days to go



Therapy Fit - The Ultimate 4-in-1 Foot & Calf Massager

by Sports Creative Innovations

£2,421 pledged
12% funded
3 days to go

SUCCESS CRITERIA

Successes

Video company – Contact list

Pebble Watch – Great marketing

Community Project - Incentives

Failures

Safety Company - Insufficient contacts

Pharma Project – Poor business plan

Video Game – Poor management



SUMMARY



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- Crowdfunding is a new and dynamic approach to raising capital
- Most campaigns fail
- There are a number of decisions you need to make
- It will cost you time, money and effort to succeed

“You cannot crowdfund unless you have a crowd”



THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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