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# Two research instruments for measuring demand for and supply of business angel investment in The Netherlands

**Research tools for policymakers** 

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### **Demand side**

Financieringsmonitor in the Netherlands (since 2008, 16 editions)

- The demand for debt and equity funding by banks and the success rates
- The source and destination of the funding and conditions for loans
- Use of government regulations
- Solvency, in conjunction with the characteristics of companies such as the success rate of their loan application



### **Demand side**

Trends in two years time:

- Bank funding decreases, especially from the usual bank
  -8 %-points
- SME's start to use more banks in stead of one +7 %-points
- For small and medium-sized enterprises: more use of family and friends
  - +6 %-points
- For small and medium-sized enterprises: more business angel investment
  - +3 %-points (from 3% to 6%)



## **Exploring the SUPPLY SIDE by using the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM)**

#### Relevant characteristics of GEM

- Research consortium in more than 60 countries
- Annual adult population survey (n ≥ 2,000) in all participating countries
- Main issue: measuring early-stage entrepreneurial activity (TEA)
- Other major theme: measuring informal investment (since 2000)
- See <a href="http://www.gemconsortium.org/">http://www.gemconsortium.org/</a>
- Also see <u>www.ondernemerschap.nl</u>



### Stylized facts based on GEM

- Informal investment is the second most important source of finance for start-ups and young businesses, next to selffinance (Bygrave and Hunt, 2005)
- On average in innovation-driven economies about 3,5% of adults (18-64 years of age) are involved in informal investment (2009)
- At the macro level supply follows demand: higher business start-up rates lead to higher informal investment rates in later years
- In 85-90% of the cases informal investors invest in ventures of family, friends and colleagues
- In 10-15% of the cases informal investors invest in ventures of strangers and others: most investments by *business* angels are in this category
- On average investments in projects of strangers/others are relatively large compared to other informal investments



# Some key data on informal investment in six OECD countries, 2007-2009 (Source: Panteia/GEM)

	Share in %	Average annual amount of invested funds (in US \$)
Family member	48	15,000
Friend or colleague	39	15,150
Stranger or someone else	13	41,300
Total	100	18,100



# Measuring the invisible market in the Netherlands: some estimates, 2010-2012 (Source: Panteia/GEM)

	All Informal Investors	of which: Business Angels in 'broad sense'
% in adult population (18-64 years)	3.5%	0.4%
Estimated total number	360,000	45,000
Average annual investment per informal investor	14,100 euro	32,800 euro
Estimated total annual informal investment	5.1 billion euro	1.5 billion euro

