More High-Tech Start-ups for the Bioeconomy in Europe by Founding Angels Investments

Background, Approach, Experiences and Examples



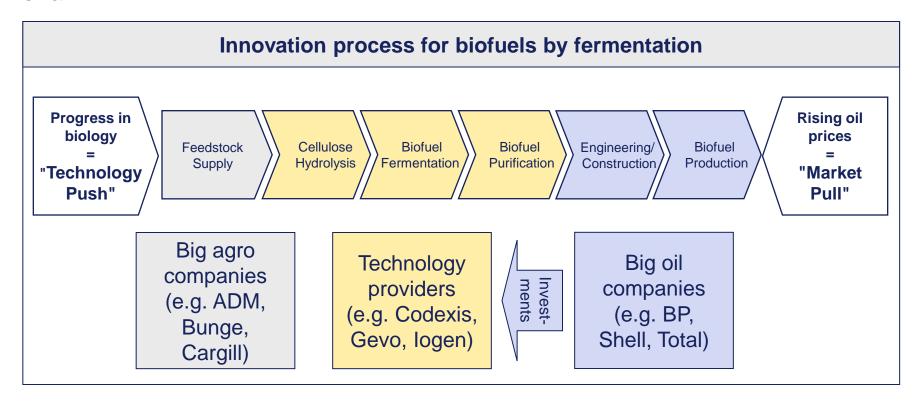
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Start-ups are of high importance as innovation drivers along the whole value chain

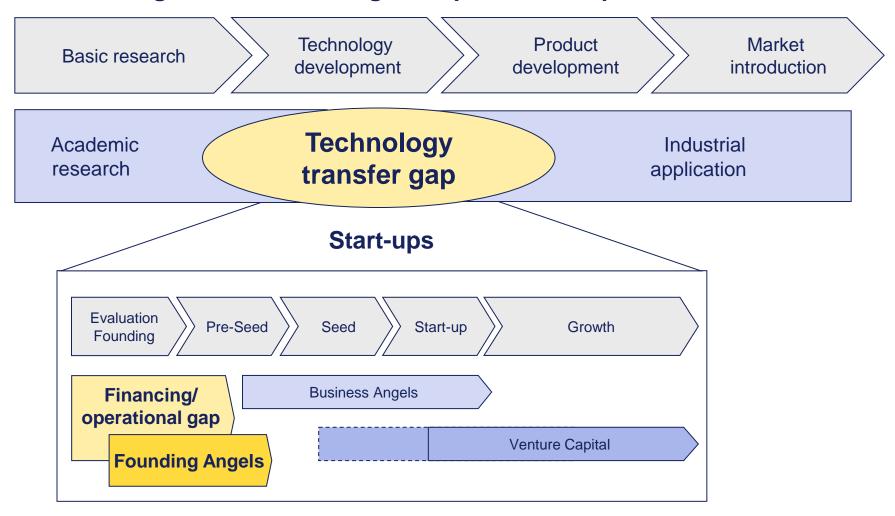


Are there enough start-ups in the area of advanced biofuel technology in Europe?

NO

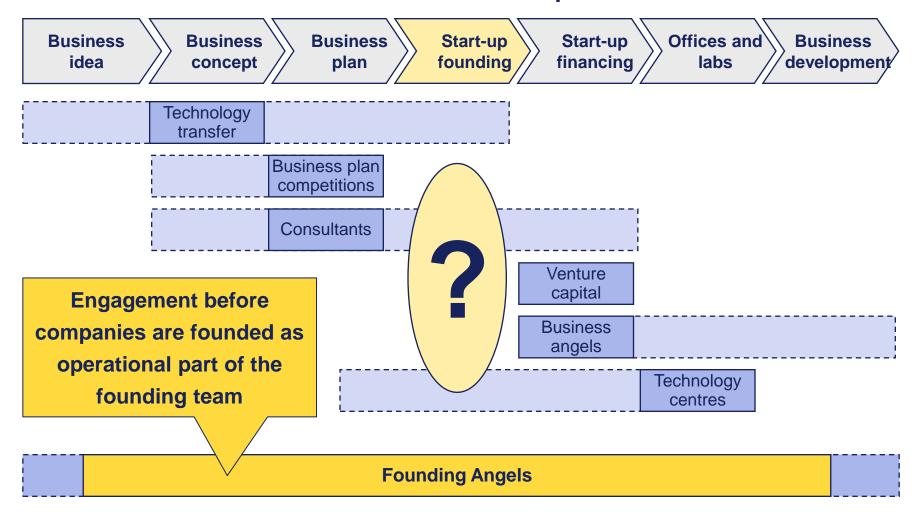


Besides the technology transfer gap there is a second gap in the start-up area showing a lack of financing and operational expertise





Founding Angels are engaged in very early phases and fill the gap between established business models within the start-up area





Gunter Festel co-founded 6 companies in the field of biotechnology over the last 5 years

Selected Spin-off Examples



www.butalco.com

- Research focused biofuel company
- Spin-off from the University Frankfurt
- Headquarter in Switzerland and labs in Frankfurt

AlgMax Algae Power

www.algmax.com

- Research focused biomass/ bioenergy company
- Headquarter in Switzerland
- No operations at the moment

BayGenetics Biotech Solutions

www.baygenetics.com

- Biotech company (protein synthesis, molecular diagnostics, vaccines)
- Spin-off from the University Bayreuth
- Headquarter/labs in Bayreuth



www.autodisplaybiotech.com

- Biotech company (biocatalysis, drug discovery)
- Spin-off from the University Dusseldorf
- Headquarter/labs in Dusseldorf



www.greasoline.com

- Research focused biofuel company
- Spin-off from the Fraunhofer Institute for Environmental, Safety and Energy Technology
- Headquarter/labs in Oberhausen



www.epivios.com

- Research focused cancer diagnostics company
- Spin-off from the University Dusseldorf
- Headquarter in Dusseldorf and labs in Dusseldorf and Bonn

Additionally one successful exit (waster water treatment) and one failure (nanotechnology)

Two new companies will be founded in the first half of 2013

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