

# **Examination of RES Crowdfunding**

Findings from 8 Case Studies

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## Agenda

- Summary of project
- Summary of findings
- Key challenges
- Key data points

#### Summary

- 5 Case studies from Abundance
- 1 Case study from Lumo, Oneplanetcrowd and Green Crowding / Bettervest

- Case studies considered:
  - Core areas of success
  - Challenges
  - Data
  - Policy Asks

### **Core Areas of Consideration**

**Lessons from Case Studies** 

#### Instruments

 Tendency on crowdfunding platforms is to use debt (Bonds or Loans)

www.crowdfundres.eu

 Long term periods (in relation to other crowdfunding sectors)

### Onboarding / client DD

- No active marketing for borrowing clients
- Extensive onboarding and borrower DD
  - All platforms conduct:
    - Technical
    - Legal
    - Financial

## Regulation

- Regulation is a key driver of success on platforms:
  - UK / Dutch felt to be the most supportive regulatory regime balances investor protection with platform flexibility.
  - Germany good
  - French platforms felt to be limited by their regulatory framework
- Key areas of consideration:
  - Cross boarder limited by inconsistent application of regulation
  - Secondary market (French crowdfunding and MiFID limitation)

#### After sales

- Ongoing "asset management" a feature across platforms
- Provision of ongoing information to clients regarding investment performance
- Deliver or have to desire to deliver a secondary market.

## Marketing & other features

- Various marketing techniques used
  - Social Media
  - Local campaigns
  - Utilizing network based marketing
  - Running traditional advertising based marketing.

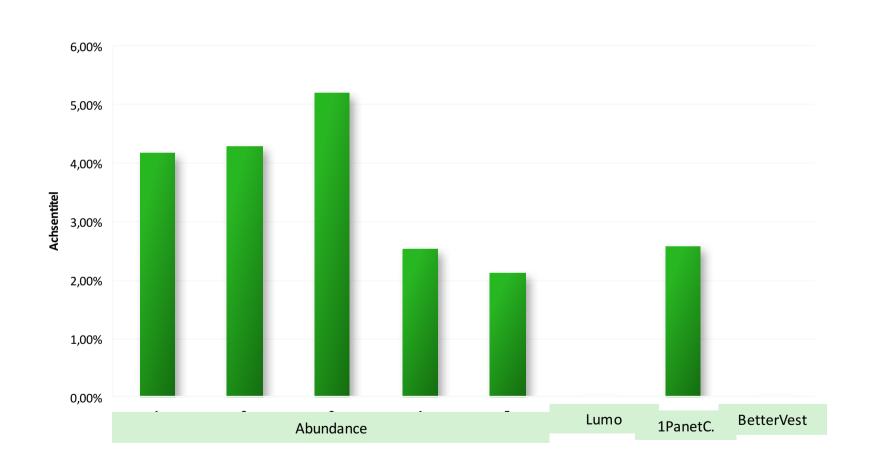
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## Key challenges

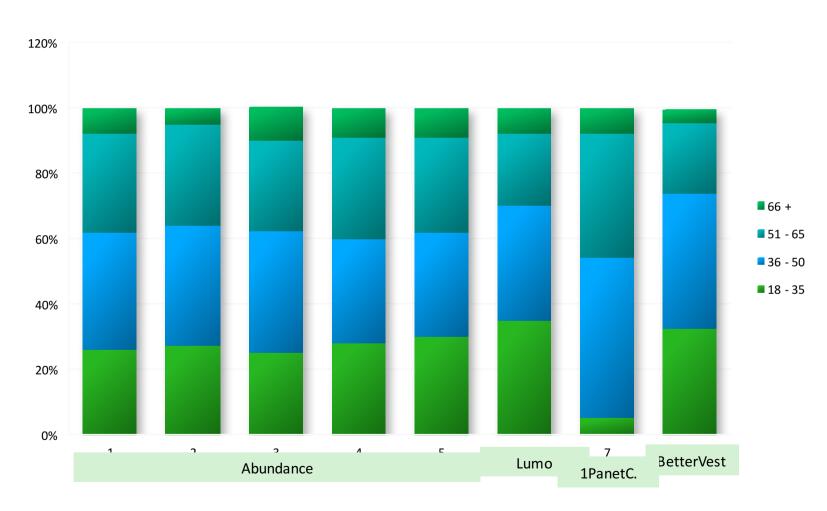
- Scaling investor numbers on platform
- Policy risk (renewable and financial services)
- Ensuring supportive financial services regulation
- Consistency of regulation across EU.

## Data from case studies

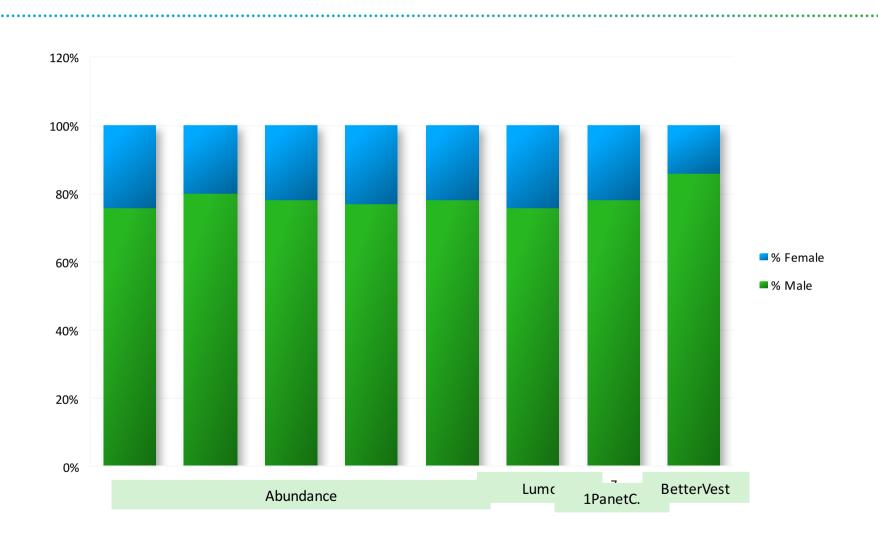
#### Non Domicile Investors



# Age Distribution



# **Gender Comparison**



#### Mean Investment

