



Jenny Tooth

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Jenny Tooth has 18 years experience of supporting business growth and access to finance both in the UK and Europe. During this period Jenny spent 9 years in Brussels 1990-1999, working on business development and innovation assignments and advising on EU funding programmes on behalf of public authorities, intermediary agencies and businesses in UK and other parts of Europe.

Jenny currently acts as Business Development Director for GLE Growth Capital which is part of the GLE group a private company with offices in London, Brussels and Prague specialising in early stage investment. GLE Growth Capital manages the 25-year old London Business Angels Network with 130 active angels offering 10M € of angel finance each year and a £5M Co-investment Fund and a £30M Early stage Enterprise Capital Fund.

Jenny's experience has been both on the demand side and supply side of early stage investment. She has developed and operated programmes funded by the EU and the UK focusing on investment readiness and access to investment for SMEs. She has been a member of the EU expert panel for investment readiness under the CIP Programme and acted as a rapporteur for this group. She has also been an expert speaker at a range of relevant conferences and workshops in the UK and Europe on issues of financing and innovation.

Jenny is currently directing the **EASY Project** supported by the Pro-Inno Programme under the CIP. The project has 17 early stage finance partners across 11 countries supporting cross-border investment for high growth businesses across Europe. This project includes development of best practice tools and establishing a new quality framework and code of conduct for investment.

Jenny has a first degree in French and Italian and an MSc in Economics from London School of Economics and Political Science.