

## INCREASING CAPACITY FOR DELICIOUS WAFER



<b>Loan Amount</b>	€ 400,000
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<b>Grant amount</b>	€ 60,000
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<b>EU Directives met</b>	Regulations on food hygiene, waste and health & safety
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<b>Invested in</b>	New Packaging machine
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<b>Energy Savings and GHG reduction</b>	18 MWh/y 4 tCO <sub>2</sub> /y
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The company **Stel Impeks DOOEL**, a manufacturer of sweets wafer products, was founded in 1992 and already exports 50% of its products to other Balkan countries, to USA and Australia. The company has its own fleet of distribution vehicles.

The company operations are split into two locations: the administration, distribution and storage facility is located in the city of Shtip, while the production facility is located in the industrial zone outside of the city.

Stel Impeks invested in new technology enabling expansion of its business, increase the market share and reach new international markets. The company purchased a brand new packaging machine and robotic solution with stacking chain in order to produce new packing sizes: 32 pieces of wafer (30 g) and 42 pieces of wafer (20 g) wafer of multipack of 10 pieces or 5 pieces.

Apart from new packaging sizes, the new packing machine reduces waste of packing foil and energy consumption. The fully automated process now reduces Occupational Health and Safety risks to workers and, most importantly, allows the company to expand its export activities with higher quality products.

**Quality and Quantity:** the new machine will generate less damaged products ensuring higher amount of processed products

The main benefits of the investment are the increased export capacity and higher competitiveness in domestic and international markets.

The company received free technical assistance to optimize its investment project and 15% grant cash-back after the successful project verification, funded by the European Union.

With the investment, the company now meets a wide variety of standards including:

- Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs;
- Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004 on materials and articles intended to come into contact with food and repealing Directives 80/590/EEC and 89/109/EEC;
- Directive 2006/42/EC on machinery, and amending Directive 95/16/EC (recast);
- Directive 2008/98/EC on waste