Startup Europe

Startup Europe strengthens networking opportunities for deep tech scaleups and ecosystem builders to accelerate the growth of the European startup scene.

Startup Scaleup initiative

Startup Europe is an initiative of the European Commission to connect high tech startups, scaleups, investors, accelerators, corporate networks, universities and the media. It is supported by a portfolio of EU funded projects and policy actions such as the EU Startup Nation Standard, Innovation Radar and the Digital Innovation and Scale-up Initiative (DISC). It is fully aligned with the small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) strategy of the European Commission.

EU Startup Nation Standard

The EU Startup Nation Standard is a new initiative announced in the European Commission’s new SME Strategy.

European SMEs and startups face several challenges as they pursue ambitions of securing market opportunities and growing their revenues. Many EU countries are already following best practices to help startups address challenges such as venture creation, and attracting and retaining talent.

The European Commission in 2020 will establish EU Startup Nation Standard to multiply such practices across the EU to make Europe the most attractive startup and scaleup continent.

In particular, this will include the launch of a political initiative calling for commitments from EU countries to implement such practices at local, regional and national levels. The initiative will focus on making it easier to launch a startup and expand across borders. It will also streamline visa and residency applications for third country talent, make granting of employee stock options more attractive, promote venture-building and tech transfer from universities, and increase access to finance for scaling-up.

Innovation Radar Platform

The Innovation Radar is the European Commission’s data-driven initiative to identify high potential innovations and innovators in EU-funded research and innovation projects. Its goal is to allow every citizen, public official, professional and business person to discover the outputs of EU innovation funding.
Digital innovation and scaleup initiative (DISC)

Digital startups in the central, eastern and south-eastern Europe (CESEE) region face an investment gap compared to innovators in other European regions. To address this gap in a geographically targeted way the digital innovation and scaleup initiative (DISC) was launched in 2019 by the European Commission in cooperation with several other international institutions. DISC pursues these aims by addressing the existing market gap, enhancing investments and strengthening technical assistance programs focused on digital innovations and the scale-up of digital startups in the CESEE region.

Read a short note on DISC (.pdf)

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European Innovation Council opens funding opportunities for innovators to scale up and capture global markets

Today, the Commission opened funding opportunities worth over €1.7 billion under the European Innovation Council (EIC).

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Le groupe d'acheteurs INCAREHEART de 5 pays différents dans toute l'Europe (SE, IT, EL, PT, TK) invite les soumissionnaires intéressés à soumettre des offres pour leurs achats publics avant commercialisation. L'objectif est de susciter la création et l'expérimentation de nouvelles solutions de soins intégrées fondées sur les TIC qui puissent faire progresser la santé et les soins multidisciplinaires pour les patients atteints d'insuffisance cardiaque chronique, en particulier en ce qui concerne le diagnostic précoce et les soins anticipatifs, les soins et le suivi, ainsi que la vie en cas de...
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Startup Europe Partnership
The Startup Europe Partnership (SEP) is building bridges between Europe's startup, corporate, education institutions and investment communities.

Startup Europe: Building the ecosystem

Startup Europe coordinates EU work to connect clusters and ecosystems across Europe. It links up national and regional ministries, innovation agencies and other stakeholders.

Startup Europe Networks

The European Commission stimulates the startup continent by connecting players of the European local hubs, linking investors, entrepreneurs and regional decision-makers.

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