

Startup Europe

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

Do you know what STARTUP EUROPE is?

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)

Startup Europe One Stop Shop

The Startup Europe One Stop Shop offers entrepreneurs, investors and ecosystem builders trusted information and support on topics ranging from scaling up, investment opportunities and networking.

The EU SME Strategy for a sustainable and digital Europe

Innovation Radar

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Latest

24 EU Member States commit at Digital Day to take action to support growth of EU Startups

Today at the EU Digital Day 24 EU Member States and Iceland signed the declaration on Startups Nations Standard of Excellence, to support startups across Europe in each stage of their development.

Launch of the Digital Innovation and Scale-up

Initiative for Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe

Today at the Digital Assembly in Bucharest, the European Commission together with the European Investment Bank, the European Investment Fund, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the World Bank and the International Finance Corporation agreed to launch the Digital Innovation and Scale-up Initiative (DISC).

StartUp Europe Week: biggest business event ever in Europe puts focus on Start-ups

The largest business event to ever take place in Europe opens today. From February 1 to February 5, 2016, StartUp Europe Week (SEW) will bring together local authorities and their start-up ecosystem in events taking place in 220 cities in 40+ countries with more than 10,000 participants. Transferwise, Nextome and Clue rewarded as European Web Entrepreneurs of The Year

The European Commission today announced the winners of the 2015 Europioneers Awards. This year's winners are: Taavet Hinrikus and Kristo Käärman (Estonia), Domenico Colucci (Italy), Ida Tin (Germany).

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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.

See Also

Industrial platforms and large-scale pilots

Digital industrial platforms are key to placing Europe ahead in the digital transformation, linking technology building blocks and industrial applications.

Digitising industry

The European Commission is supporting businesses across Europe adapt to the digital world by coordinating initiatives, focusing investments, and boosting skills.

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