

## Digital Single Market

# Startup Europe

Startup Europe ramps up the connected Digital Single Market through a set of EU initiatives to increase networking opportunities for startups, investors and accelerators. This thriving ecosystem multiplies jobs, growth and investment.



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Startup Europe is an initiative of the European Commission designed to connect startups, investors, accelerators, entrepreneurs, corporate networks, universities and the media through an array of [networks](#) [2]. Furthermore, it intends to connect local [startup ecosystems](#) [3] around Europe and enhance their capacity to invest in other markets such as [Silicon Valley](#) [4] or [India](#) [5].

Not less important, it celebrates the European entrepreneurs' success, making it visible and rewarding (e.g. [Startup Europe Awards](#) [6]).

## Startup Scaleup initiative

The [Startup Scaleup initiative](#) [7] is based on a communication from the European Commission ([Europe's next leaders: the Startup and Scaleup Initiative](#) [7]), released in 2016, which two main objectives are:

- to remove barriers to scaling up in the single market with [ecosystem building projects](#) [3];
- to develop [networking opportunities](#) [2], enhancing the startup ecosystem - by connecting clusters, people, and local ecosystems across Europe.

Additionally, it responds to the demands of the technology founders addressed within the [Startup Manifesto](#) [8] and [Scaleup Manifesto](#) [9].

The initiative also includes activities to help startups finding international outreach. Through the [One Stop Shop](#) [10], startups and [ecosystem builders](#) [3] have easy access to all the funding services and other support offered at EU level.

Along the [Startup Scaleup initiative](#) [7], the Commission further explores measures to:

- facilitate uptake of new technologies;
- create better opportunities for access to [finance](#) [11] and [skills](#) [12];
- maximise the effectiveness of Europe's [ecosystems](#) [3].

Startup Europe and the European Commission cooperate to increase the impact of its initiatives and accelerate the growth of the European startup scene.

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