

WHY START-UP

in the TopDutch region

1.

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- The Netherlands is one of the top-10 countries globally for start-ups, according to StartupBlink's Global Ecosystem Index 2023.
- We're a small country but our start-ups are making a big impact, having among the highest start-up density and VC capitalization share in the EU.
- WIPO ranked us the third strongest market in terms of finance for start-ups and scale-ups on their Global Innovation Index 2022.

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- Within the Netherlands, the TopDutch region is a hotspot for impactful new start-ups, the birthplace of unicorns such as HackerOne.
- We host the nation's fastest growing start-up ecosystem, with Groningen's cluster expanding by an average of 12% YoY since 2018.
- Our innovation institutions are dedicated to supporting more high-quality start-ups, from pre-seed to scale-up, via four pillars of development: 1) Access to talent; 2) Access to technology; 3) Access to market and 4) Access to capital.

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- The Start-Up Visa NL program is a unique accelerator program that allows the brightest entrepreneurial talent from non-EU/EEA countries to start-up in the TopDutch region.
- Entrepreneurs can spend a year on the startup visa, establishing their business and skills together with a local facilitator.
- After the year, entrepreneurs can apply for a long-term visa, and we'll provide support in accessing further financing, partners, or business development programs.

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- From pre-seed to scale-up, our services and programs support entrepreneurial talent to take the first step, inviting promising internationals to join us, and facilitating their development via incubators and training.

More information about our start-up ecosystem?



OUR PROGRAMS & FINANCING OPTIONS

