

Latvia Startup Visa — national programme for relocating non-EU startup founders to Riga

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Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Latvia Startup Visa (2017) gives non-EU startup founders a 3-year residence permit. By 2023, 360 founders across 175 startups had relocated (LSM/LIAA). EUR 4M+ in government startup investment in 2023; 25% of Latvia's 512 active startups are foreign-founded (Startin.lv).

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	3/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

[Investment and Development Agency of Latvia \(LIAA\) / Ministry of Economics](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

[Latvia Startup Visa official page \(LIAA/startuplatvia.eu\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

[LSM: What has happened to Latvia's Startup Visa scheme? \(independent journalism\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

[EU-Startups: Latvia's startup visa — 2019 rework \(independent\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

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