

ScaleUp Porto — Porto City Council's startup acceleration programme

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Quality score: 86/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

City-council programme (since 2015) pairing Porto City Council with Porto Business School to support 200+ startups through mentorship, coaching and international connections. Porto's ecosystem now holds \$8.4B in value, 17,500 jobs and 28% employment CAGR 2019–2024.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

[Porto City Council / Porto Business School](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

[ScaleUp Porto official site](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

[Startup Genome Porto report](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

[InvestPorto – entrepreneurial hub](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

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