

The French Tech Visa — Fast-Track Residency for Tech Employees, Founders and Investors

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Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

France's French Tech Visa, running since 2017, has enabled over 1,200 companies to recruit foreign tech employees and issued roughly 1,150 employee and 400 founder residence permits — modest next to France's ~21,500 startups, per Business France and Sifted.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	0/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-30

[Business France & La French Tech Mission](#) — accessed 2026-08-30

[La French Tech Mission — French Tech Visa \(official\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-30

[Sifted — In Europe's war for tech talent, are visas the answer?](#) — accessed 2026-08-30

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