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EU Startup Nations Standards Report - Country's results

RESULTS OVERVIEW

SNS#1 "Fast Startup Creation, Smooth Market Entry"

	2023		2024		2025
ESNA	64%	↗	70%	↗	**77%**
France	69%	↗	70%	↗	**88%**

SNS #2 "Attracting and Retaining Talent"

	2023		2024		2025
ESNA	52%	↗	64%	=	**64%**
France	75%	↗	87%	=	**87%**

SNS#3 "Stock Options"

	2023		2024		2025
ESNA	57%	↗	62%	↗	**74%**
France	100%	=	100%	=	**100%**

SNS #4 "Innovation in Regulation"

	2023		2024		2025
ESNA	44%	↘	43%	↗	**55%**
France	84%	↗	93%	↘	**92%**

SNS#5 "Innovation in Procurement"

	2023		2024		2025
ESNA	61%	↘	54%	↗	**65%**
France	87%	↗	94%	=	**94%**

SNS #6 "Access to Finance"

	2023		2024		2025
ESNA	56%	↗	72%	↗	**77%**
France	100%	=	100%	=	**100%**

SNS #7 "Social Inclusion, Diversity and Protecting Democratic Values"

	2023		2024		2025
ESNA	30%	↗	51%	↗	**73%**
France	96%	↗	100%	=	**100%**

SNS #8 "Digital First"

	2023		2024		2025
ESNA	75%	↘	70%	↗	**75%**
France	88%	↗	97%	↘	**96%**

Overall Performance

	2023		2024		2025
ESNA	55%	↗	61%	↗	**70%**
France	87%	↗	93%	↗	**95%**

Best-performing SNS

	2023	2024	2025
ESNA	SNS #8	SNS #6	**SNS #1/6**
France	SNS #3/6	SNS #3/6/7	**SNS #3/6/7**

Lowest-performing SNS

	2023	2024	2025
ESNA	SNS #7	SNS #4	**SNS #4**
France	SNS #1	SNS #1	**SNS #3**

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Results per Indicator - 2023 | 2024 | 2025

Standard #1 “Fast Startup Creation, Smooth Market Entry”

Substandards	Indicator	2023	2024	2025
Time & Cost	1.1.1	50%	50%	**100%**
	1.1.2		50%	**100%**
	1.1.3	100%	100%	**100%**
Startup Fast Lane	1.2.1	75%	75%	**75%**
	1.2.2	50%	75%	**100%**
	1.2.3	50%	50%	**100%**
Cross-border Services	1.3.1	46%	51%	**45%**
	1.3.2	100%	100%	**100%**

> Standard #1 - Indicators description

1.1.1 - Number of days to establish a business online*

1.1.2 - Number of days to establish a business in the commercial registers*

1.1.3 - Administrative costs to establish a startup

1.2.1 - Existence of an online service to set up a company

1.2.2 - Existence of fast lane & helpdesk available for entrepreneurs

1.2.3 - Existence of a virtual helpdesk for regulatory issues for startups and scaleups

1.3.1 - Index of the cross-border services**

1.3.2 - Utilisation of legal documents from other EU countries for startup establishment or expansion within the single market

Standard #2 “Attracting and Retaining Talent”

Substandards	Indicator	2023	2024	2025
Visa Application	2.1.1	100%	100%	**100%**
	2.1.2	-	100%	**100%**
Programmes for Talent	2.2.1	50%	100%	**100%**
	2.2.2	50%	50%	**50%**

*These indicators in 2023 corresponded to the number of days to establish a business.
**External indicator; due to methodological changes, the indicator is not comparable with previous editions.

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Results per Indicator - 2023 | 2024 | 2025

> Standards #2 - Indicators description

2.1.1 - Time to complete visa applications for founders

2.1.2 - Time to complete visa applications for experienced workers

2.2.1 - Existence of return of tech diaspora programmes

2.2.2 - Index of talent attractiveness for entrepreneurs*

Standard #3 “Stock Options”

Substandards	Indicator	2023	2024	2025
Taxation	3.1.1	100%	100%	**100%**
Non-voting rights	3.2.1	100%	100%	**100%**
	3.2.2	-	100%	**100%**
Stock Options Scheme	3.3.1	100%	100%	**100%**

> Standard #3 - Indicators description

3.1.1 - Stock Options taxed only as capital gains

3.2.1 - Existence of stock options with non-voting rights for startups

3.2.2 - Minority Shareholders & Bureaucracy*

3.3.1 - Existence of a country-specific stock options scheme

Standard #4 “Innovation in Regulation”

Substandards	Indicator	2023	2024	2025
Think Small First	4.1.1	100%	100%	**100%**
Compliance Exemptions	4.2.1	100%	100%	**100%**
Regulatory Sandboxes	4.3.1	100%	100%	**100%**
	4.3.2	60%	60%	**32%**
	4.3.3	0%	N.A	**100%**

*External indicators

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Results per Indicator - 2023 | 2024 | 2025

> Standard #4 - Indicators description

4.1.1 - "Think Small First" principle implementation level

4.2.1 - Existence of compliance exemptions/alternatives for startups

4.3.1 - Existence of regulatory sandboxes

4.3.2 - Number of established regulatory sandboxes

4.3.3 - Number of startups involved in regulatory sandboxes consortia

Standard #5 "Innovation in Procurement"

Substandards	Indicator	2023	2024	2025
Procurement Opportunities	5.1.1	100%	100%	**100%**
	5.1.2	-	100%	**100%**
Intellectual Property Rights	5.2.1	100%	100%	**100%**
	5.2.2	40%	33%	**33%**
	5.2.3	0%	100%	**100%**
Open-source Assets	5.3.1	100%	100%	**100%**
Tech-Transfer Policies	5.4.1	100%	100%	**100%**

> Standard #5 - Indicators description

5.1.1 - Existence of administrative impediments to startup participation

5.1.2 - Existence of incentives for public buyers and procurement services to procure innovation from startups

5.2.1 - Possibility of ownership of IPR for startups in innovation procurement

5.2.2 - Intellectual property receipts as percentage of total trade*

5.2.3 - Existence of exceptions for public sector Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) ownership based on overriding public interests

5.3.1 - Existence of startups actively supported and contributing with open-source assets

5.4.1 - Existence of policies for smooth tech transfer

*External indicators

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Results per Indicator - 2023 | 2024 | 2025

Standard #6 "Access to Finance"*

Substandards	Indicator	2025
Public Access to Finance	6.1.1	**100%**
	6.1.2	**100%**
	6.1.3	**100%**
Indirect Access to Finance	6.2.1	**100%**
Tax Relief Measures	6.3.1	**100%**

> Standard #6 - Indicators description (2025)

6.1.1 - Existence of equity instruments funded by the RRF to startups

6.1.2 - Existence of public grants, loans and other non-equity instruments

6.1.3 - Utilisation of EIB, promotional banks and dedicated vehicles distributing funds to established/professional VC

6.2.1 - Initiatives to diversify private capital for high-growth startup co-investment

6.3.1 - Existence of tax relief for BAs

Standard #6 "Access to Finance"

Substandards	Indicator	2023	2024
Public Grants	6.1.1	100%	100%
Indirect Access to Finance	6.2.1	100%	100%
	6.2.2	100%	100%
Tax Relief Measures	6.3.1	100%	100%

> Standard #6 - Indicators description (2023/2024)

6.1.1 - Existence of RRF support for Venture Capital for startups

6.2.1 - Utilisation of EIB and promotional banks for VC investment gap bridging

6.2.2 - Adoption of initiatives to diversify private capital for high-growth startup co-investment

6.3.1 - Existence of tax relief for BA

*Due to changes in the structure of Standard #6, the 2025 scores are not directly comparable with those from past editions. The 2024 and 2023 results are provided below for reference.

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Results per Indicator - 2023 | 2024 | 2025

Standard #7 "Social Inclusion, Diversity and Protecting Democratic Values"

Substandards	Indicator	2023	2024	2025
Incentives for Startups	7.1.1	100%	100%	**100%**
	7.1.2	100%	100%	**100%**
	7.1.3	75%	100%	**100%**
Incentives for Founders	7.2.1	100%	100%	**100%**

> Standard #7 - Indicators description

7.1.1 - Existence of national awards and policies for startup role models

7.1.2 - Existence of social inclusion mobilisation initiatives

7.1.3 - Existence of incentives for diversity hiring

7.2.1 - Support to founders from underprivileged backgrounds

Standard #8 "Digital First"

Substandards	Indicator	2023	2024	2025
Digital First	8.1.1	79%	79%	**77%**
	8.1.2	100%	100%	**100%**
	8.1.3	50%	100%	**100%**
Knowledge Sharing	8.2.1	100%	100%	**100%**

> Standard #8 - Indicators description

8.1.1 - Index of digital public services for businesses*

8.1.2 - Digital public services availability by percentage of areas covered

8.1.3 - Existence of national digitalisation strategy implementation

8.2.1 - Existence of proactive engagement for digital knowledge sharing and best practices

*External indicators