## LANDING IN LISBON by UNICOÉN Factory Lisboa

A tailored program to help international businesses move and scale in Lisbon and beyond.



## It's only a myth until you make it true.



Envisioned by the Lisbon City Council with the aim of expanding Lisbon's entrepreneurial ecosystem, from startups to scaleups, and eventually unicorns, we work as an engine for economic growth and a driving force for innovation, attracting talent, new projects and investment. Unicorn Factory Lisboa is a platform of programs and hubs, inspired by international best practices, which supports startups and scaleups in creating sound products and business models, developing efficient processes, and achieving sustained accelerated growth from Lisbon.

We cover 4 main areas: "early stage" incubation for startups, "growth stage" programs for scaleups, "landing in lisbon" support for both international startups and scaleups planning to expand through Lisbon and "innovation hubs" such as Hub Criativo do Beato.

# WHY CHOOSE LISBON?

#### THRIVING ECONOMY

**1st** country in the world in ease of doing business across borders (Doing Business Report 2020)

**2nd** best country in Europe for business innovation (European Central Bank 2022)

**Top10** best European countries to invest (Ernst & Young)

#### DIGITAL & SUSTAINABILITY

**7th** most digitalised country in Europe (Digitalisation in Europe 2020-21)

**59%** energy production in Portugal originated from renewable sources (REN)

#### TALENT

**3rd** european country with the highest rate of Engineering graduates (Eurostat)

**7th** highest English Proficiency in the world (English Proficiency Index 2021)

**55,4%** of tech talent is located in Lisbon metropolitan area (Global Tech Talent Trends 2022)

#### **QUALITY OF LIFE**

**4th** most trusted city among 63 European Start up hubs (Start up Heatmap Trust Score Europe 2022)

**4th** best expat destination in terms of quality of life (Expat Insider 2022)



# THE PROGRAM

A tailored program designed to provide all practical tools, information and resources to simplify the process of moving or expanding operations to Lisbon, ensuring a landing in lisbon without constraints.

#### THIS PROGRAM IS FOR YOU IF

You are a tech scaleup from any vertical, background or origin wanting to set operations or create a team in Lisbon.

For questions related with eligibility, please contact us: softlanding@unicornfactorylisboa.com

## **OUR APPROACH**

- Customized and cross-functional experience with selected partners to support scaleups throughout the process.
- Five pillars that run independently: immersive sessions, curated networking, helpdesk, office space and community.
- Curated opportunities to build connections and close initial partnerships.

### **OUR PARTNERS INCLUDE**







# **PROGRAM PILLARS**

The program consists of 5 key pillars:

### **IMMERSIVE SESSIONS**

Online sessions, on-site workshops and round-tables, provided by selected partners and ecosystem expert players (such as VCs and other founders), focused on the initial guidance and professional network necessary to set up and successfully grow your business from Lisbon.

### **CURATED NETWORKING**

One-on-one meetings with program partners for tailored guidance in key areas, such as legal, recruitment and tax, plus personalized support in networking and connecting with key stakeholders (VCs, corporate, etc).

## HELPDESK SERVICES

Administrative support and legal assistance on critical areas to facilitate a smooth transition to Lisbon.

### **OFFICE SPACE**

Access to temporary office spaces fully functional at competitive rates.

### COMMUNITY

Introduction to the ecosystem key players, including VCs, local scaleups and corporate companies with intros, tours, events, etc.



# **TOPICS COVERED**

#### ECOSYSTEM OVERVIEW

- Introducing Lisbon's entrepreneurial ecosystem, key figures, and main players
- Cultural insights
- Ecosystem key figures

#### SETUP IN LISBON

- Types of Visas available
- How to obtain residency in Portugal
- How to setup a legal entity in Portugal

#### CORPORATE TAX AND LAW

- Corporate structures Pros and Cons
- How to incorporate a company, requirements and costs
- Corporate tax: earnings, payroll and others

# RECRUITING

- How to recruit local talent
- Working culture
- Labor law and Social security

#### FUNDRAISING AND INVESTMENT

- Fundraising strategy
- Venture Capital and other investors in Portugal
- Government subsidies, grants and European Union Funding

## AT A GLANCE

FORMAT Face-to-face and remote

## LANGUAGE

English

#### **APPLICATION**

Continuous admissions

#### **CONTACT US** softlanding@unicornfactorylisboa.com



## NOT SURE IF YOU WANT TO MOVE TO LISBON?



2017 Running since

> 16 editions

**20** nationalities

## 90%

of participants would recommend to a friend/ colleague

## THE PROGRAM

Three day exploration program with practical workshops, local activities, visits to stakeholders and introductions to key partners to get an overview of the ecosystem.

#### THE PROGRAM IS FOR YOU IF

You are a start-up/scale-up outside Portugal and considering to expand or set up operations in Lisbon.

## OUR APPROACH

Workshops with experts, ecosystem tours and office hours to provide the necessary professional orientation and networking in order to successfully start a business in Lisbon.

## Join the next batch!



