



How to obtain Permanent Residency and Citizenship by Investing in France

A few days ago, President Macron said during his Speech at the French-Danish Forum in Copenhagen “*Entrepreneur is a French word*”. It is true, France became more and more attractive, business wise, thanks to the administration of President Macron, who welcomed investments and entrepreneurs in France.

Examples such as:

- New incentives being set in the immigration-by-investment French landscape.
- Entrepreneurs are now offered the possibility to obtain a *Talent Passport* also known as *French Tech Visa*: a 4-year Residence Card which is granted to entrepreneurs who wish to bring innovation and solutions to the French market.

France is a popular destination in the European Union (EU) especially for those looking to diversify their investments and enter the Schengen market. The country represents over 65 million people, which borders Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Luxembourg and Belgium. France is ranked the 7th largest economy worldwide and 3rd largest economy in the EU.

Amongst the current immigration-by-investment streams, the Start-Up option is a secured path to ensure the implementation of a successful business in France.

In order to qualify, the Entrepreneur must:

- Set up a legal entity in France and control his business;
- Present a project bringing innovation or solutioning which are identified needs in the French Market;
- Be approved by a French public body: the DIRECCTE; and
- Collaborate with a Government approved French Incubator.

Key point of this scheme is the collaboration with an incubator

An incubator is a company that helps start-up companies to develop, grow and achieve success by providing developing and supporting services such as management, training, establishing partners for Research & Development, commercialization and marketing, while offering full technologies and administrative supports with the Government Authorities.

Therefore, the Entrepreneur is able to build a project hand-by-hand with a French experienced partner.

What does France offer to investors?

Not only does the *Talent Passport* give the investor the ability to conduct business in France, it provides a safe living environment.

Entrepreneurs and their direct dependents (spouse & children up to 18 years old) will receive a renewable 40year *Talent Passport*.

The *Talent Passport* will allow the family to live, work, study in France with free access to the reputable Education and Healthcare system.

On top of it, *Talent Passport* holders are entitled to free mobility within the Schengen States (26 countries) for a period that could be up to 6 months per year.

The *Talent Passport* is also a secured bridge to Permanent Residence or Citizenship acquisition in France.

The opportunity to become a permanent resident or a citizen will be opened after 5 years of continuous residence.

For further information about the Talent Passport, or any other investment immigration opportunities, please contact your Harvey Law group representative.

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