



Visa application for international startups

If you want to work in the Netherlands as a start-up entrepreneur, you'll need a residence permit for this. A precondition is that your startup must be guided by an experienced facilitator. East Netherlands Development Agency Oost NL is an official facilitator for your visa application. East Netherlands is traditionally strong in four key industries: Food, Health, Tech and Energy but is welcoming all international startups who want to make an impact on our society. East Netherlands has an excellent ecosystem for international startups.

To apply for a startup visa with the help of Oost NL you must meet the following conditions:



You preferably match with at least one of the focus areas of East Netherlands: Food, Health, Tech and Energy;



Your startup offers an innovative product or service;



The service or product is not yet available in The Netherlands;



You have a step-by-step plan to develop your idea into a business;



You have adequate financial resources to reside and live in the Netherlands for one year.

1 Contact Oost NL

Please contact us and provide us with a pitch-deck, 2-pager and/or business plan.

2 Intake

We'll evaluate your information and decide if your start up idea is suitable for a startup visa.

3 Preparation

In our role as facilitator we'll help you prepare your visa application.

4 Once approved: Let's go!

Once approved we'll help you settle in the Netherlands to the best of our abilities.

Oost NL as facilitator

Oost NL has over 100 experienced advisors capable of helping you with internationalization, innovation and investments. We'll help you find your way to our innovative region, free of charge.

More information?

Please visit oostnl.com/international-startups.

If you have any questions about starting up in the East Netherlands, please contact us and we'll get you started:



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