



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS | Startups

1. What is Rising UP in Spain?

- **Rising UP in Spain** is the technology and business talent attraction program of ICEX-Invest in Spain designed for **foreign startups or scaleups looking to incorporate their company in Spain** (hereinafter referred to as the Program).

2. What does the Program offer me?

- The services provided by the program aimed to **accelerate and ease the establishment in Spain of foreign startups**. To ensure more precise assistance tailored to the needs of each startup, the services are organized into three differentiated blocks, allowing each company to receive those most appropriate to its specific situation. The program offers the following services:
 - A. BLOCK A: Legal and Immigration Advisory Services** directly related to your establishment in Spain, for example:
 - ✓ Power of Attorney in Spain .
 - ✓ Advice on the appropriate legal form.
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 - ✓ Obtaining the company name, NIF, NIE, electronic certificate and similar related to the establishment.
 - ✓ Negative company name certificate.
 - ✓ Company's Bylaws
 - ✓ Incorporation of the company before a Notary Public.
 - ✓ Commercial Registry
 - ✓ Registered Office Service (covered for the first 3 months).
 - ✓ Settlement of ITP and AJD
 - ✓ Registration of partners/directors at Social Security
 - B. BLOCK B: ICEX Services**
 - ✓ Participation in Major Events in Spain
 - ✓ Working sessions with Spanish corporates involved in open innovation programs.
 - ✓ Support in fundraising and connections with Venture Capital funds.



- ✓ Visibility at events and in specialized media and membership in the Rising UP in Spain Community
- ✓ Support for internationalization from Spain.
- ✓ Access to co-working space at ICEX's future offices starting in January 2027

C. BLOCK C: Mentoring Network for Growth Support. Acceleration program with personalized mentoring:

- ✓ Initial diagnosis.
- ✓ Designation of a specialized mentor to develop a personalized acceleration plan. Periodic monitoring.
- ✓ Participation in specialized training courses.
- ✓ Contact with investors.

3. What expenses are not included?

- The [services provided](#) by the Program are **free of charge**.
- However, fees, taxes, notary or registration costs derived from the procedure of incorporating the company in Spain and carrying out the immigration procedures must be covered by the startup.
- Startups will be responsible for covering travel, accommodation, and subsistence expenses related to attending events.

4. What is the duration of the Program?

- The benefits of the Program extend for a period of **6 months** from the [acceptance of the invitation](#) to the program.
- Legal advice and management services are provided without the need to travel to Spain (online).
- Acceleration services, invitations to events or visibility will be received once the startup has incorporated the company in Spain.

5. What criteria are used to select startups?

- Only **foreign startups or scaleups that want to establish themselves** in Spain can participate in the Program.
- An expert team will evaluate the following criteria, based on the information provided in the registration form:
 - Degree of **technological innovation** proposed.
 - **Project scalability** for growth
 - **Management team**, professional qualifications, experience and dedication to the project
 - **Economic and financial viability** of the business model
 - Viability of **investment in Spain**.



- The Program Terms and Conditions outline the criteria in greater detail.

6. What happens if I don't speak Spanish?

- The program offers the services either in **English or in Spanish**.
- As services will be provided in English or Spanish, the team designated by the applicant company must have a strong command of one of these languages (this may be verified during the interview phase). Likewise, the application form may be completed in English or Spanish. Applications submitted in any other language will be automatically rejected.

7. My startup is not generating revenue yet, can I enroll in the Program?

- **Yes.** Even if the startup does not currently generate income, it can enroll in the Program.

8. Does Rising UP in Spain offers a visa?

- For matters related to immigration, legal advice will be provided, along with assistance in drafting and submitting immigration documentation for procedures aimed at obtaining all required permits for up to four individuals per company (at CEO or founder level):
 - Entrepreneur Residence Authorizations or Visas, and Certificate of Registration as an EU Citizen.
 - Foreigner Identity Numbers (NIEs).
 - Foreigner Identity Cards (TIEs).

9. How do I enroll in the Program?

- To apply for the program, the startup must fill in the application form available on the website <https://icexcrmglobal.my.salesforce-sites.com/risingstartup> in the “**APPLY**” section.
- Once completed, you will receive a confirmation email with your application number (*RSS-xxxxxxx*)
- Should you encounter any issues during the registration process, you may contact us by writing to: risingup@icex.es

10. When can I enroll in the Program?

- The call is open all year round, between **February 26th and December 31st, 2026**.



- However, the number of beneficiary startups is **limited depending on the services, and only the best ones will be invited**. Access as beneficiaries will be granted in chronological order of acceptance of the invitation to participate in the program. Thus, the call for applications for the 2026 edition may be closed before December 31st.

11. I've already signed up, now what?

- The applicant startups will be **evaluated** by a team of experts according to the criteria mentioned above. The evaluation is based on the information contained in the program application form.
- The evaluation team can ask for **specific interviews** with the startup to evaluate more accurately any aspects that are considered appropriate.
- The evaluation period may take approximately 2 to 3 weeks.
- Once evaluated, startups will be **notified** whether they are invited to participate in the Program or if they have not passed the evaluation criteria to be part of the Program.
- Invited startups must **accept the invitation to the program**.

12. If you have further questions:

- You can contact our team via email: risingup@icex.es
- On the [website](https://www.investinspain.org) you can find more information of interest: [Rising UP in Spain \(investinspain.org\)](https://www.investinspain.org)

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