

Founding a business in Germany



Comprehensive information on starting a business in Germany can be found here:

- <https://gruenderplattform.de/>
- <https://www.existenzgruendungsportal.de/Navigation/DE/Home/home.html>
- <https://www.wir-gruenden-in-deutschland.de/>

Legal Forms in Germany



Founders in Germany can choose between several legal forms:

- Einzelunternehmen
- GbR
- eingetragene Kauffrau (e.Kfr.) bzw. eingetragener Kaufmann (e.Kfm.)
- OHG
- KG
- GmbH
- UG (haftungsbeschränkt)
- AG

The main difference in legal forms is liability. Other criteria are whether to start alone or with one or more partners, and the minimum capital.

Further information:

<https://www.existenzgruendungsportal.de/Navigation/DE/Gruendungswissen/Rechtsformen/rechtsformen.html>

Funding opportunities in Germany



There are various financing options for start-up projects: Start-up loan, equity capital or funding

Here you will find information about the various possibilities:

- <https://gruenderplattform.de/finanzierung-und-foerderung/finanzierung-finden/finanzierungsmoeglichkeiten>
- <https://www.foerderdatenbank.de/FDB/DE/Foerderprogramme/foerderprogramme.html>
- <https://www.exist.de/EXIST/Navigation/DE/Gruendungsfoerderung/EXIST-Gruendungsstipendium/exist-gruendungsstipendium.html>
- <https://www.wirtschaft.nrw/finanzierungsangebote-im-bereich-gruendungen>
- <https://www.gruendungsstipendium.nrw/gruenden>

Copyright protection in Germany



You have a business idea and want to protect it from imitators:

<https://gruenderplattform.de/startup-gruenden/patent-anmelden>

Networks in Germany



Overview of many different networks on different topics:

- Networks for women
- Founding with a history of immigration
- Entrepreneurship for the common good
- and many more

Link:

<https://www.existenzgruendungsportal.de/Navigation/DE/Netzwerke/Ueberregionall/ueberregional.html>

Contacts and Networks in the Middle Lower Rhine region



Source: <https://www.gruendungsregion-niederrhein.de/ansprechpartner/>

Overview of contact persons:

<https://www.gruendungsregion-niederrhein.de/ansprechpartner/>

Overview of networks:

<https://www.gruendungsregion-niederrhein.de/netzwerke/networking/>

HNX - Start-up team at Hochschule Niederrhein



HNX offers:

- Consulting & Coaching
- Funding & Finances
- Networking & inspiration
- Interesting facts & workshops
- StartUpLabs
- Workshop & Labs

Link: <https://www.hs-niederrhein.de/existenzgruendung/>