

RESIDENCY BY INVESTMENT — FRANCE

Your gateway to *residency* *in France*, through real investment in the economy.

A direct, lawful path to French and European residency for international investors and their families
— built on an existing French legal framework.

€300k

Minimum direct investment into
an eligible French company

1–3

Months, indicative, from
onboarding to residency card

4 yrs

Renewable residence permit,
full family included

5 yrs

Path to permanent residency &
citizenship

WHY FRANCE

A major European economy, open to structured residency by investment.

GLOBAL STANDING

One of the world's largest economies

Europe's leading destination for foreign direct investment, and the #1 European country for industrial FDI projects.

EDUCATION

Prestigious schools for the family

HEC, ESSEC, Sciences Po and Sorbonne, plus strong infrastructure for international families.

MOBILITY

One of the strongest passports

Consistently top-5 globally, with visa-free access to ~190 destinations and full EU & Schengen access.

LIFESTYLE

The world's #1 tourism destination

Exceptional quality of life — culture, gastronomy, climate and connectivity at the heart of Europe.

HEALTHCARE

World-class universal healthcare

Universal coverage and a wide network of high-quality public and private hospitals.

MOMENTUM

Backed by France 2030

A €54bn national strategy on innovation, healthcare and industrial sovereignty — the priorities our companies align with.

Built on an existing French law — not a new or experimental scheme.

Passeport Talent — Investisseur Économique Direct

Created under **Loi n° 2016-274** to increase France's attractiveness to international investors — France's strongest legal residency route for investors.

WHAT THE LAW REQUIRES

- Minimum €300,000 direct investment
- Into a French operating company
- Maintained for a minimum of 5 years
- Contribution to the French economy & jobs
- Source-of-funds verification

WHAT IT GRANTS YOU

- 4-year renewable residence permit
- Full inclusion of your family
- Right to work and operate businesses
- No obligation to reside in France
- No language requirement for residency

WHAT IT GIVES YOU

One investment. A residency pathway for your whole family.

01 Residency for the whole family

Spouse and dependent children included in the same application.

02 Open to all nationalities

Subject to standard regulatory and compliance checks.

03 Live, work & access Schengen freely

Operate businesses and travel the Schengen Area — no language test required.

04 No obligation to relocate

Maintain residency without becoming a French tax resident or living there full-time.

05 Healthcare & education access

Universal healthcare and leading schools and universities for your family.

06 A clear long-term pathway

After 5 years, eligibility for permanent residency and, subject to conditions, citizenship.

07 Real economic exposure

Not a passive fee — capital invested into a real, vetted French company, with potential return.

THE INVESTMENT

Direct exposure to the French economy — sourced and structured for you.

WHAT YOU INVEST IN

- Real, operating French companies — not passive funds
- Businesses needing restructuring, expansion or relaunch capital
- Reviewed for economic substance and compliance
- Sectors aligned with national priorities such as France 2030

WHAT'S EXCLUDED

- Pure passive real estate investment
- Companies that fail strategic or compliance review
- Opportunities without demonstrable economic activity

TARGET SECTORS

Luxury & heritage	Healthcare & life sciences	Industrial SMEs	Advanced manufacturing	Technology & innovation	Strategic French brands
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Example: ODIOT, a French luxury house founded in 1690 and holder of the EPV (Entreprise du Patrimoine Vivant) label — a model of the heritage, industrial-value opportunity France IDEA sources.

Beyond capital: how your investment is structured.

I. DIRECT CAPITAL PARTICIPATION

A direct capital injection into the eligible French operating company — typically for an equity participation, giving you a real economic stake and exposure to its growth.

Example — ODIOT. Founded 1690, EPV-labelled luxury silverware house: heritage and industrial value with strategic positioning in global luxury.

II. CONTRACTUAL REVENUE PARTICIPATION

In select opportunities, the investee company enters a contractual revenue-sharing arrangement — a defined annual return over the holding period, agreed in advance, alongside any capital appreciation.

III. BUY-BACK COMMITMENT

In specific, pre-identified opportunities, the company or its shareholders commit contractually to repurchasing the participation at the end of the 5-year period, at terms fixed at entry — a clear, pre-agreed exit pathway.

Revenue-participation and buy-back terms are specific to certain opportunities, individually negotiated and disclosed in full within the investment documentation. Investors are encouraged to review all terms with their own legal and tax counsel.

A structured, compliance-driven path — onboarding to residency card.

01

Investor onboarding

A strategic review of your profile and objectives to confirm eligibility and define the right structure.

FEW DAYS

02

Secured escrow

Funds transferred into a secured escrow structure, held by a leading Paris legal firm under lawyer-regulated CARPA accounts.

SECURED

03

Compliance review

KYC / AML and source-of-funds verification by banking and legal professionals to the highest standards.

2-4 WEEKS

04

Visa D application

Your French long-stay Visa D is filed with the relevant consulate, with full support throughout.

FEW WEEKS

05

Direct economic investment

After approval, your investment is deployed into the eligible company — only once every condition is met.

AFTER VISA

06

Residency card issuance

Your 4-year renewable residency card is issued in France, completing the pathway for your family.

ON ARRIVAL

Overall estimated process: approximately 1 to 3 months, depending on profile, jurisdiction and consular processing.

FROM APPLICATION TO CITIZENSHIP

The full timeline — residency in months, citizenship in years.



How France IDEA compares to other European programs.

COUNTRY	MINIMUM	STRUCTURE	RESIDENCY TIMELINE	VALIDITY	CITIZENSHIP
Portugal	€500,000	Funds / private equity	12–24 months	2 years	5+ years (uncertain)
Greece	€400k–€800k	Real estate	6–12 months	5 years	No clear path
Latvia	€50k–€250k	Start-up / business	3–6 months	5 yrs (annual)	10 years
Spain	€500,000	Real estate	Program closed in 2025		
France IDEA	€300,000	Direct economic investment	1–3 months	5 years	5 years (if tax resident)

SECURITY & OVERSIGHT

Your capital is protected at every stage.

KPMG Avocats oversight

Governance, structure and financial controls are supervised by KPMG Avocats — full transparency and regulatory alignment.

Secured escrow

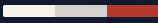
Funds held in secure escrow. No capital is deployed before your residency approval is confirmed.

CARPA accounts

Lawyer-regulated CARPA accounts provide maximum traceability, anti-fraud protection and legal oversight.

Every applicant undergoes a full due diligence protocol — identity, source-of-funds, sanctions/PEP screening and AML/CFT checks.





BEYOND RESIDENCY BY INVESTMENT

Other programs in France

France IDEA also guides clients through France's wider residency routes — from passive-income visas to entrepreneur, startup and talent permits, and the long-term path to permanent residence and citizenship.

01	France Passive Income Visa	Retirees & rentiers
02	France Company Creation	Entrepreneurs
03	France Startup / Innovative Project	Founders
04	France Talent Residence Permit	Executives & experts
05	Permanent Residence & Citizenship	Long-term pathway

FOR RETIREES, RENTIERS & SECOND-HOME OWNERS

France Passive Income Visa

Based on the French long-stay visitor visa (*Visa Long Séjour Visiteur*), for financially independent applicants who wish to spend extended periods in France without local employment.

ELIGIBILITY & CONDITIONS

- Stable, sufficient passive income — rental yields, dividends, pensions or savings
- Private health insurance for the duration of stay
- Proof of accommodation in France
- Commitment not to engage in professional activity in France

WHAT YOU GET

- Long-stay visa, renewable as a multi-year residence card
- Full family inclusion
- Access to French healthcare and education
- Foundation toward long-term residency after 5 years

Program

FOR ENTREPRENEURS & BUSINESS OWNERS

France Company Creation

Based on the *Passeport Talent — Création d'entreprise* category, this route lets you establish and operate a real business in France, with residency granted on your project and your role as its director.

ELIGIBILITY & CONDITIONS

- A Master's-level diploma, or 5+ years of comparable experience
- A credible, viable business project with a detailed plan
- Sufficient capital to fund launch and operations
- A clear, real economic activity carried out in France

WHAT YOU GET

- 4-year multi-year residence permit, renewable
- Right to create, hold and operate the company as director
- Full family inclusion
- Pathway to permanent residency after 5 years

FOR FOUNDERS OF INNOVATIVE VENTURES

France Startup / Innovative Project

Based on the *Passeport Talent — Startup Innovante* category (the French Tech Visa), for founders whose project is recognised as innovative by a competent French public body or ecosystem actor.

ELIGIBILITY & CONDITIONS

- A letter of support from an approved incubator, accelerator or public investment body
- An innovative, scalable project, generally technology-driven
- Sufficient means of subsistence for the family

WHAT YOU GET

- 4-year multi-year residence permit, renewable
- Full family inclusion
- Access to France's startup ecosystem and EU funding
- Pathway to permanent residency after 5 years

Program

FOR EXECUTIVES, PROFESSIONALS & RECOGNISED EXPERTS

France Talent Residence Permit

The broader *Passeport Talent* framework covers qualified employees (*Salarié Qualifié*, EU Blue Card), directors and senior executives (*Mandataire Social*), researchers and recognised experts — a single multi-year permit.

ELIGIBILITY & CONDITIONS

- A qualifying employment contract, corporate mandate or expert profile
- Relevant diplomas and/or professional experience for the category
- Remuneration or seniority meeting the applicable thresholds

WHAT YOU GET

- 4-year multi-year residence permit, renewable
- Full family inclusion
- Right to work in France under the relevant category
- Pathway to permanent residency and citizenship after 5 years

ACROSS EVERY PROGRAM

Permanent residence & citizenship

Whichever route you enter through, France IDEA builds a long-term renewal strategy across each 4-year cycle — keeping your file aligned with the conditions that open the door to permanent residency, and ultimately citizenship.

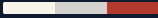
AFTER 5 YEARS OF RESIDENCE

- Eligibility for a permanent residence card, subject to continuous lawful residence
- Maintenance of the qualifying activity, investment or status of your original permit

CITIZENSHIP, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

- French tax residency during the qualifying period
- A2-level French language proficiency
- Continuous, lawful residence and integration into French society

Naturalisation under French law (Loi n° 2016-274) is granted at the discretion of the French authorities and is never automatic.



BEGIN YOUR APPLICATION

A direct, lawful path to residency in France — for you and your family.

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Speak with the France IDEA team to review your eligibility — franceidea.com