

Portugal's D2 Entrepreneurial Business Visa: A Premier Pathway to European Expansion

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Why Portugal?

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The reason is simple: Portugal is a place people actually want to live and can see the possibility of raising a family and doing business in. A combination of factors now encourages leading entrepreneurs to establish and grow their companies in Portugal.

Portugal – A Few Facts and Figures

Portugal is projected to exceed the European economic growth forecasts, at least until 2027. It has been ranked as one of the best places to live according to the Global Peace Index (currently ranking 7th on the 2025 Global Peace Index), offers very good healthcare according to the Health Care Index (with an average life expectancy of 82.95 years in 2025), and is ranked highly from an education point of view.

Traditional Portuguese Universities have become “Top Ranking” International Universities, the “Universidade Católica Portuguesa” and “Nova SBE” were included as two of the best universities in the world by the British newspaper, The Financial Times, in 2018.

It is without a doubt a place that ticks the boxes when choosing a place to live.

D2 Visa: The Criteria

Requirements include the following:

- Be a non-EU national
- Have sufficient funds to support yourself during your stay in Portugal – a deposit of the minimum monthly Portuguese salary of €920 in 2026, multiplied by twelve is mandatory to present to the Portuguese Immigration Authorities (i.e., €11,040).
- Incorporate a Portuguese (or Madeiran) company or being an independent professional
- Hold a clean criminal record
- Residing for more than 183 consecutive days in Portugal (or not be absent from Portugal for more than 8 non-consecutive months during the validity of the residence permit)
- Show proof of accommodation in Portugal for at least 12 months
- Becoming a tax resident in Portugal

Why Should You Reach out To Dixcart?

Dixcart has over 50 years experience, with a presence in the Portuguese market for over 30 years. We have thus dealt with many structures and arrangements from start to finish, working with international investors and families from many corners of the earth. As a trusted service provider, we look forward to welcoming you as a client.

In addition to assisting entrepreneurs to select the most appropriate legal route to structure their activities in Portugal, Dixcart also provides:

- A complete range of services relating to the incorporation of a company and its day-to-day obligations; from bookkeeping through to tax compliance.
- Assistance to entrepreneurs and their families in relocating to Portugal and in obtaining the necessary residence permits.

Additional Information

If you require additional information regarding the D2 visa and the types of company and tax frameworks available in Portugal and/or the types of visa and residence options, please contact the Dixcart office in Portugal at: advice.portugal@dixcart.com.