

Freedom to conduct a business

Growth & jobs for Europe



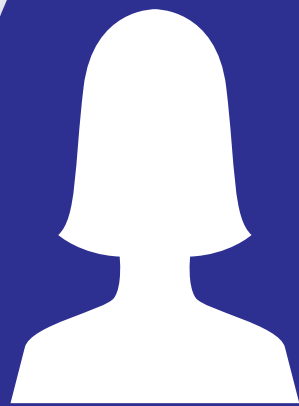
Freedom to conduct a business is one of the **EU's fundamental rights**.

Online tools and **one-stop-shops** are being used by Member States to remove excessive regulation and administrative burdens.

However, entrepreneurs often still face:

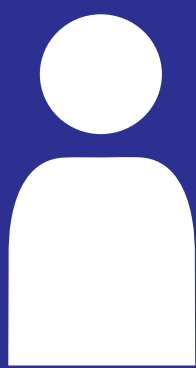
- ⚡ long / complex procedures;
- ⚡ time consuming reporting obligations;
- ⚡ difficulties in accessing credit.

Some groups face additional hurdles:



Women

- ⚡ Earn less and confronted by prejudice.
- ⚡ Inadequate support to balance family and work life.
- ⚡ Gendered roles and stereotypes in society.



Young entrepreneurs

- ⚡ Limited exposure to and practical experience of business environments.
- ⚡ Difficulties navigating the complex systems and regulatory requirements in setting up a business.
- ⚡ High start-up costs.



Migrants

- ⚡ Obstacles to securing financial capital for starting a business.
- ⚡ Cultural differences, discrimination, and problems in recognising qualifications, language barriers.
- ⚡ Limited knowledge of legal requirements and regulatory procedures.



People with disabilities

- ⚡ Limited independence and infrastructure needed for work.
- ⚡ Difficulties securing adequate funding to start a business.
- ⚡ Uncertainty about the financial consequences of setting up a business.

The EU and its Member States should further boost measures to facilitate the right to start a business while continuing to remove obstacles for all groups in society.

The EU should find ways to measure the progress of policies related to this right that help to further entrepreneurship and innovation in the EU.

Examples of how this right is helping to boost growth and jobs can be found in FRA's Freedom to conduct a business report.