



**Impact unicorns in
the making**



What is MAZE X?

MAZE X is a 3-month accelerator program followed by 6-month ongoing support, based in Lisbon. It is designed to put ambitious impact start-ups on the road to becoming impact unicorns. It is focused on hard-working founders who have the courage to test new ideas and aim for improved outcomes.

What are we looking for?

We are on the hunt for 10 early-stage impact ventures focused on solving social and environmental challenges through sustainable business models. Candidates should combine the following features:

1. A talented team with solid technical and managerial skills
2. Unique and innovative product
3. Tech-enabled solutions
4. Strong and clear business and impact model already validated
5. The grit and intention to grow a business that makes the world a better place.

What's in it for you?

Stipend: 7,500 EUR to 12,500 EUR equity-free in cash.

Pilot testing: focus on go-to market by working directly with large corporates to assess product/market-fit with the possibility of buy-in.

Undivided support: we work with only 10 ventures a year to ensure maximum and hands-on support through the 3 months of the program and the following 6 months.

Talented team: experts in product, tech, sales, entrepreneurs-in-residence and a managing team fully dedicated to accelerate the rate at which we address some of the world's most pressing issues.

International and diverse network of mentors: experienced and well-connected professionals ready to advise founders on their business strategy.

Coworking space: for 3+6 months in Casa do Impacto, one of Lisbon's coolest hubs where the most promising impact start-ups in the ecosystem are based.

International roadshow: pitch your business through various investor networks throughout Europe after the program.

When does it start?

January 21 st	Applications open
March 25 th	Applications close
May 6 th	Program launch
Until July 26 th	3-months acceleration program
Until Jan 2020	6-months ongoing support

Who is behind MAZE X?

MAZE X is an accelerator by MAZE, an impact investing firm founded by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation in 2013. Through MAZE X and the Mustard Seed MAZE fund, we invest in effective solutions that solve social and environmental challenges. MAZE X is the result of the thought leadership of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation and Edmond de Rothschild Foundations, with the corporate support of PLMJ.

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