

Berlin Ecosystem Launch Report

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The most complete and detailed picture of Berlin's tech ecosystem, in partnership with City of Berlin.



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funds & corporate investors

200+

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3,000+

Funding rounds & exits



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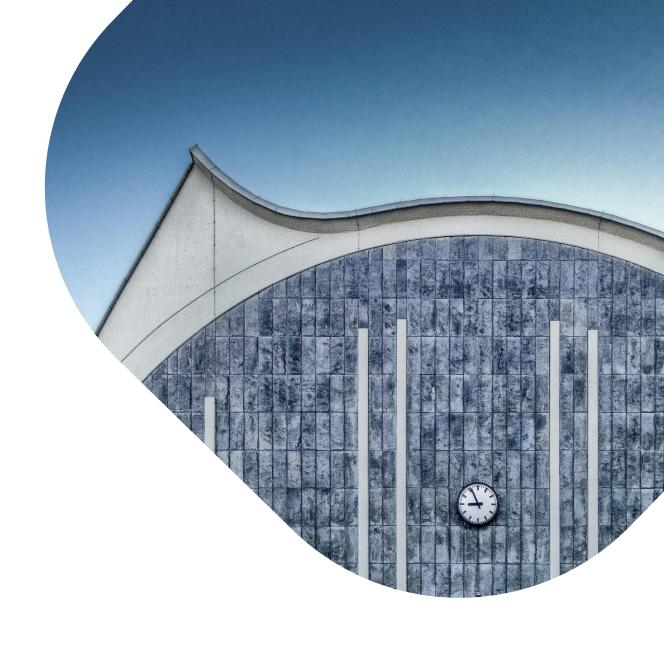
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- 2. Update on Berlin's unicorns and future unicorns
- 3. Update on investment: is Berlin keeping up with Europe?



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Berlin's startup landscape

What type of startups are emerging? How big is Berlin's startups scene?

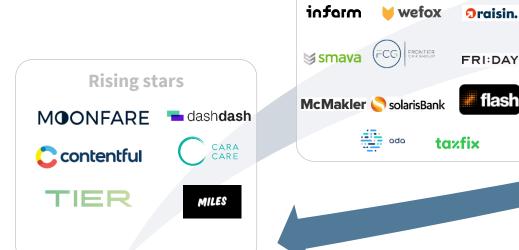


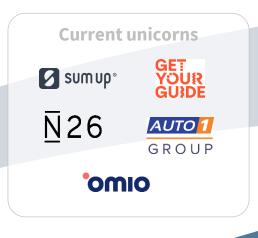
Berlin's past successes are the breeding ground for talent, entrepreneurial skills,

investment skills, and capital needed for the next

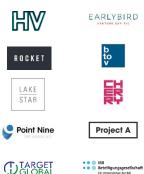
Potential future unicorns

generation of startups.





Skills, talent, capital



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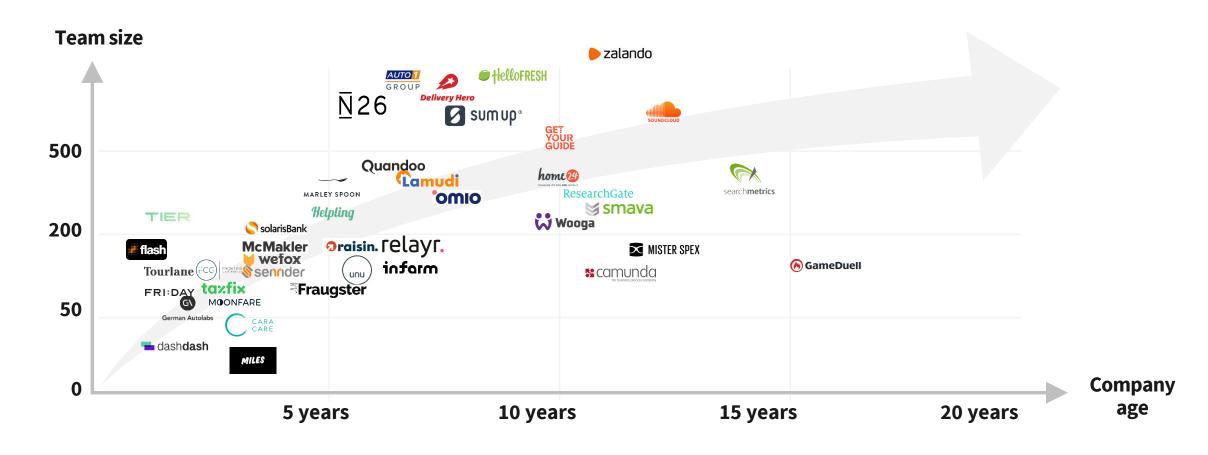
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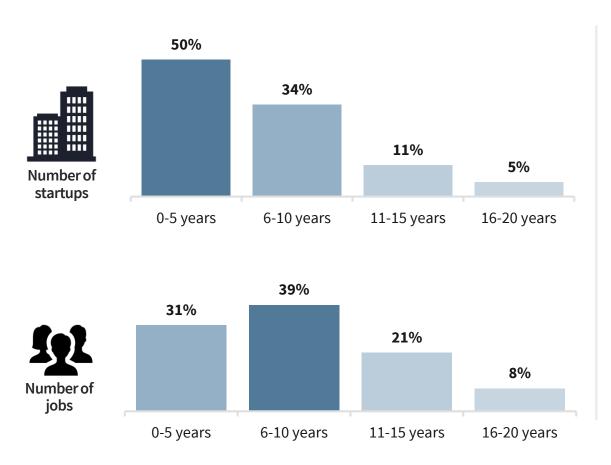
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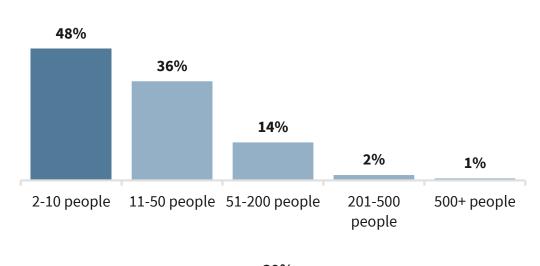
In reality, the startup journey is non-linear, unpredictable, and dependent on level of early traction, funding strategy and operational complexity.

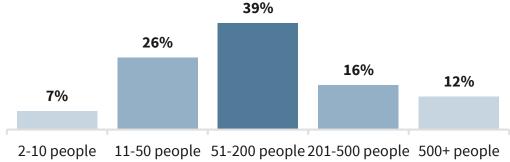


Source: Dealroom.co. Includes startups that were exited/acquired.

Database so far contains 3,292 Berlin tech companies founded since 1999, of which 84% founded in the last ten years.







48% of startup teams are smaller than 10 people. But 39% of employees are with companies with teams size 51-200.

Number of startups

500+ People	0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	
201-500	0.3%	1.2%	0.4%	0.2%	
51-200	5%	5%	3%	1%	
11-50	18%	12%	4%	2%	
2-10	27%	15%	5%	1%	
	0-5 years 2019-2015	6-10 years 2014-2010	11-15 years 2009-2005	16-20 years 2004-2000	

People working at startups

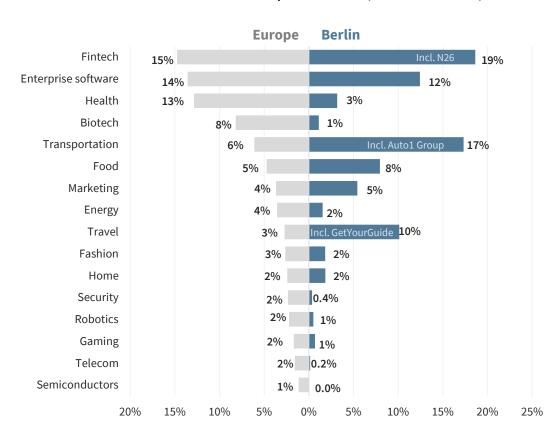
0%	5%	7%	0%	
2%	10%	3%	2%	
12%	14%	9%	4%	
12%	9%	3%	2%	
4%	2%	1%	0%	
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After big successes in online consumer marketplaces, Berlin today has rising stars, across nearly any industry vertical.

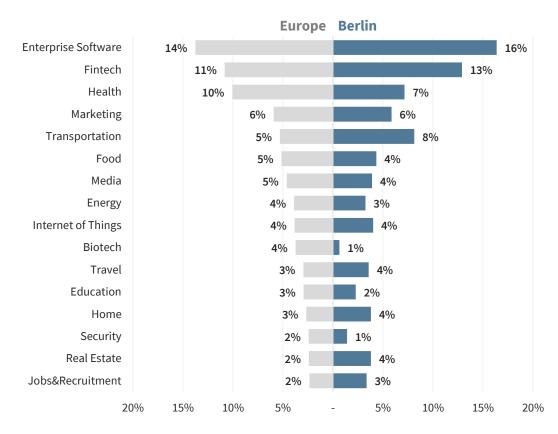
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	Artificial Intelligence	Fintech	IoT & Robotics	Enterprise SaaS	Mobility	Blockchain	Marketplaces

Investment in Berlin startups is happening across all sectors, in line with Europe. Notable exceptions are health, biotech and energy which have far fewer rounds.

Allocation of capital invested (2017 to 2019 YTD)



Allocation by number of rounds (2017 to 2019 YTD)



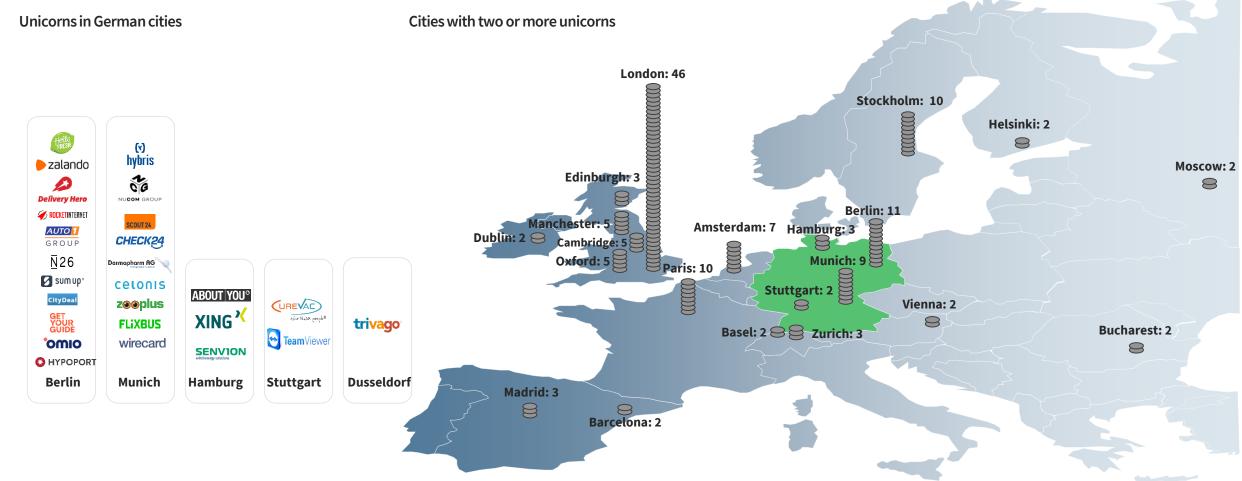
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Update on Berlin's unicorns and future unicorns

How is Berlin performing on global stage?



Germany counts four cities with two or more unicorns. It's tech ecosystem is probably more distributed among multiple cities than any other country in Europe.

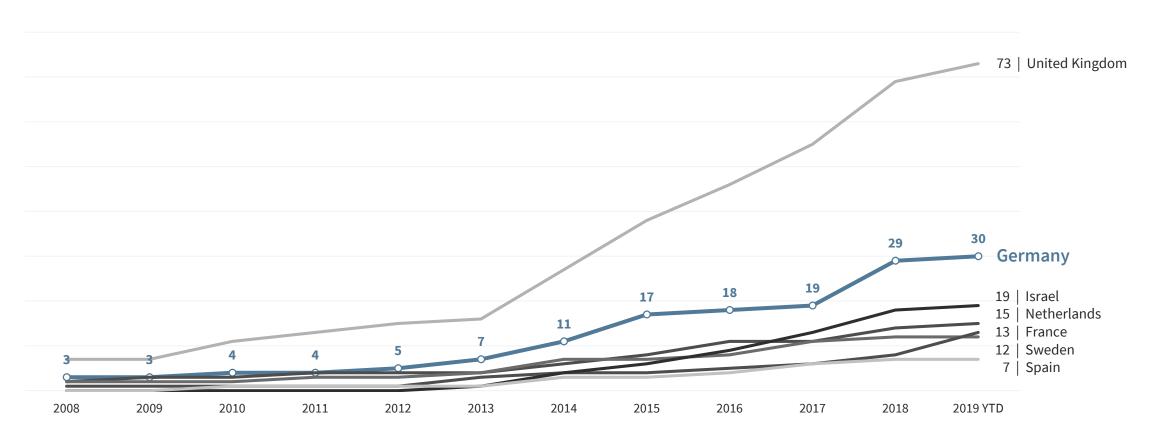


30 unicorns were created in Germany, of which 11 are from Berlin.



In Europe, Germany ranks #2 by number of unicorns.

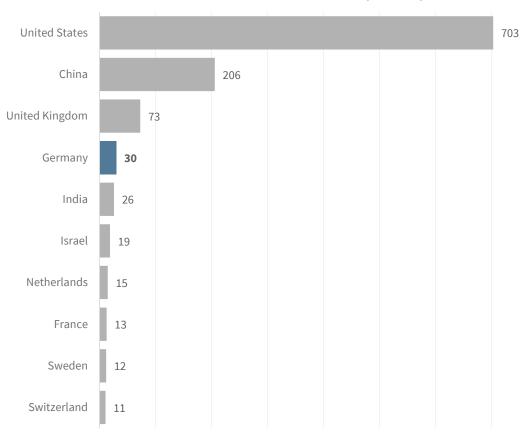
Cumulative number of unicorns created by year \$1 billion valuation is reached



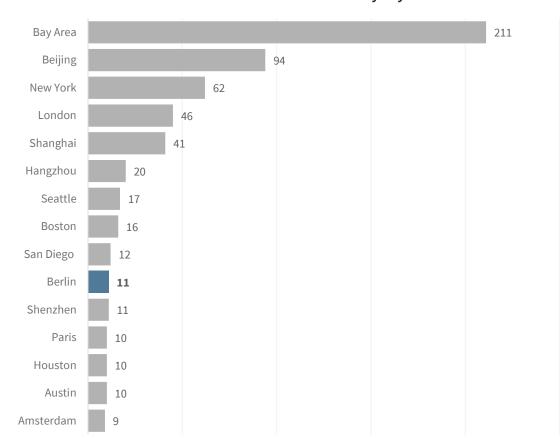
Source: Dealroom.co. Israel included for comparison.

Berlin ranks #10 globally by number of Unicorns

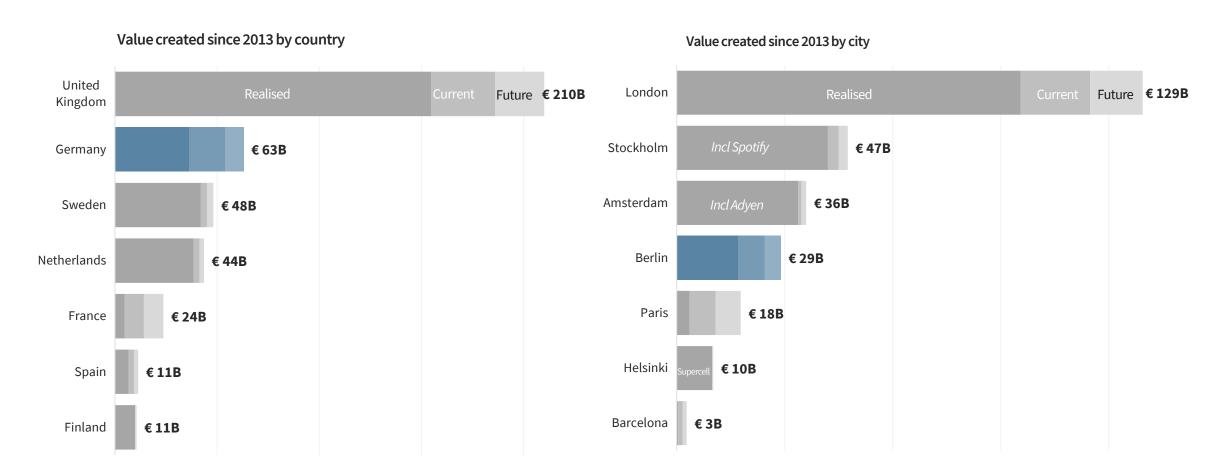
Number of realised and current unicorns by country



Number of realised and current unicorns by city

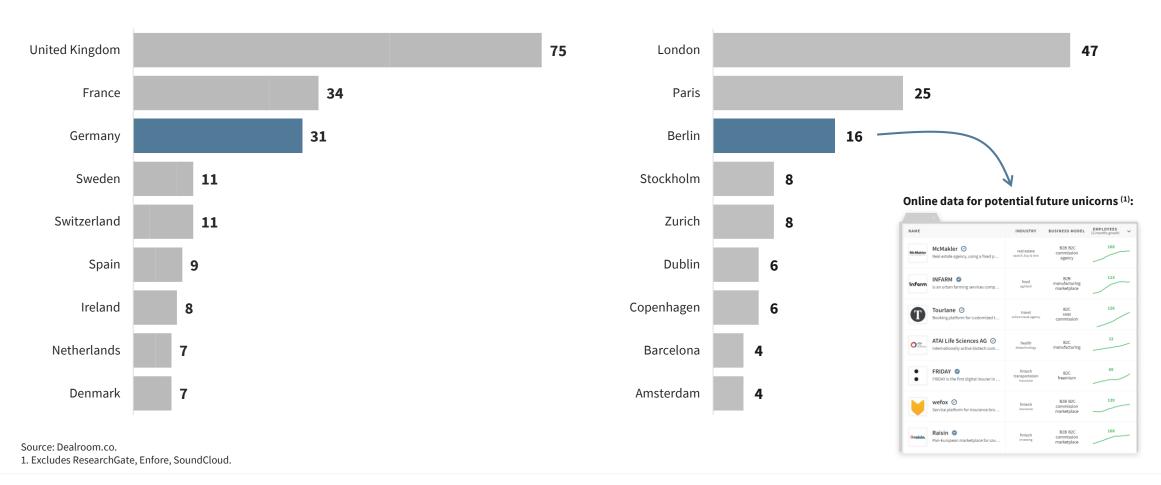


By total value created, Berlin ranks "only" as #4 city in Europe behind Stockholm and Amsterdam, due to Spotify and Adyen, two \$10 billion+ startups.



By number of potential future unicorns, Germany is falling behind France. Paris now has 50% more potential future unicorns than Berlin.

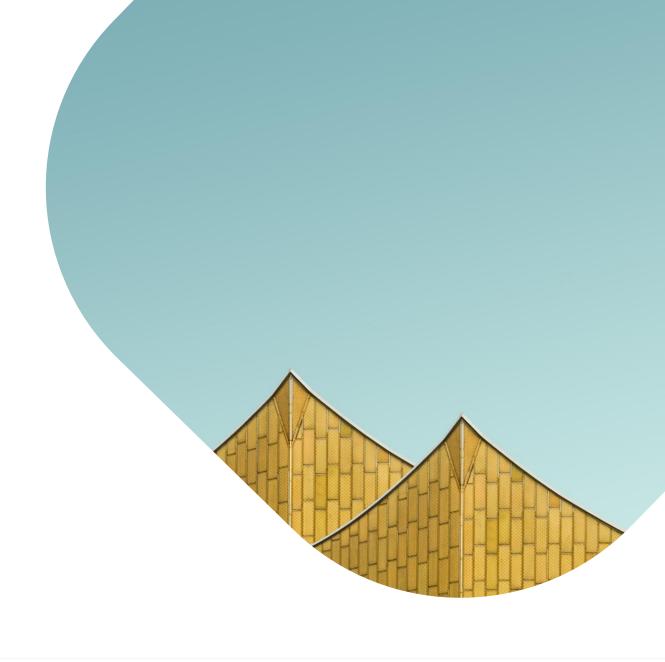
Number of "potential future unicorns": companies valued over \$250 million but less than \$1 billion



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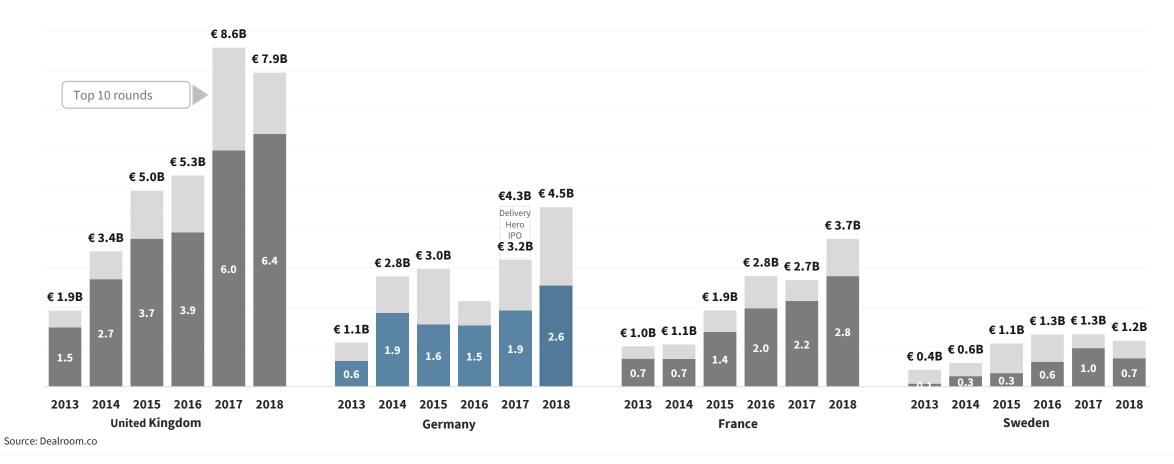
Update on capital & investment

Is Berlin keeping up with Europe?



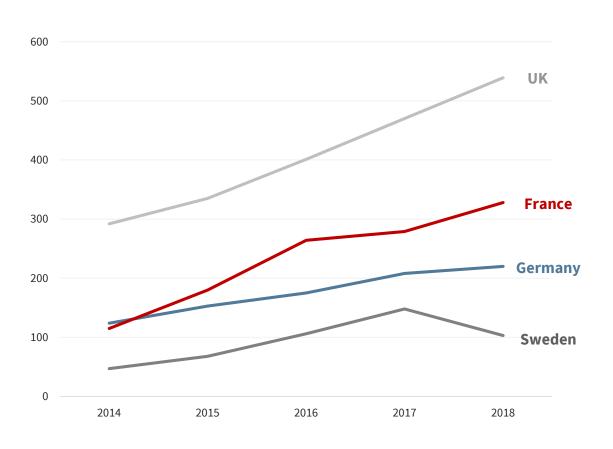
Germany ranks #2 by investment in Europe, but mega rounds have had a relatively large impact.

Venture capital investment

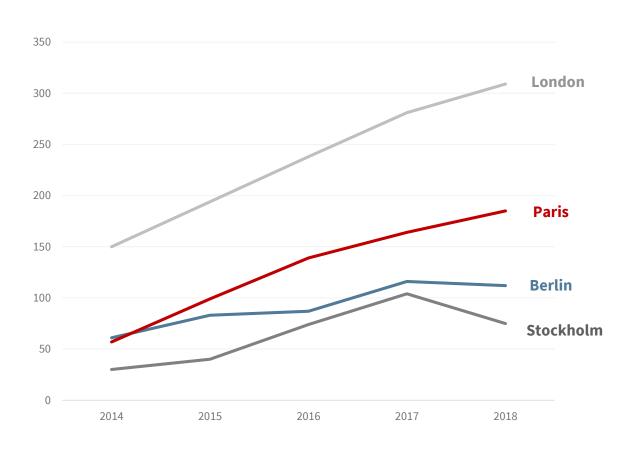


By number of VC rounds, France has overtaken German for a few years. Paris has nearly twice as many (reported) venture capital rounds as Berlin.

Number of VC rounds over €2 million by country

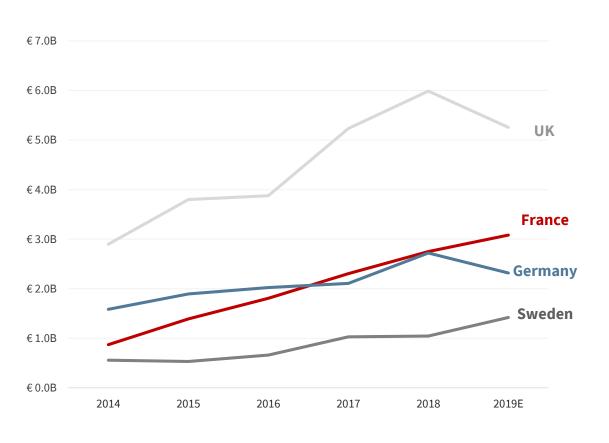


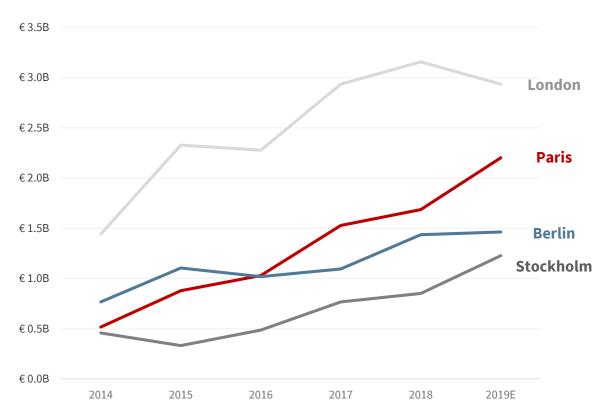
Number of VC rounds over €2 million by city



And if mega-rounds are excluded, Paris has overtaken Berlin by capital invested too (excl. mega-rounds is an indicator for the generation of potential future unicorns).

Amount of VC invested (excl. mega-rounds of €100M+)

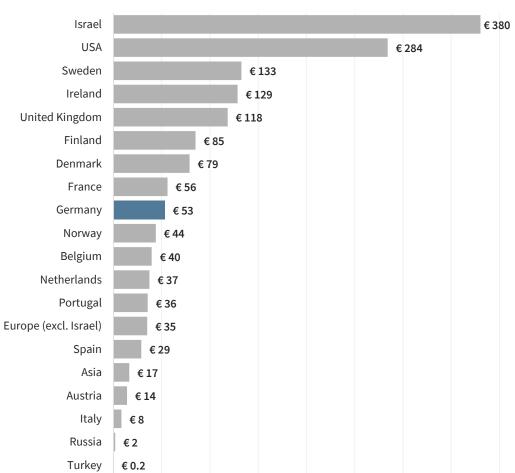




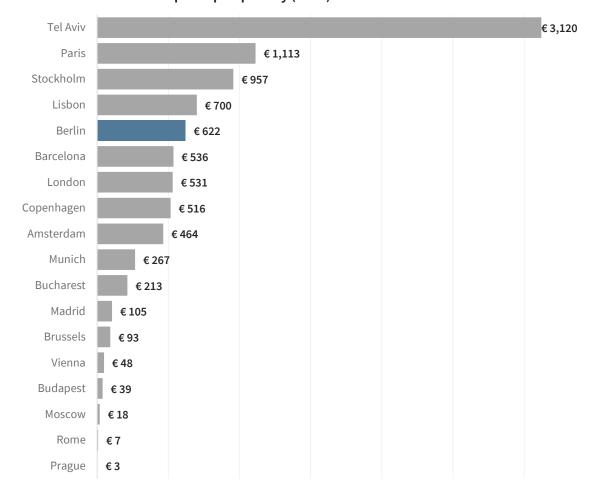
Source: Dealroom.co. Excludes buyouts, secondary transactions, debt, ICOs, lending capital, grants.

Investment per capita shows there's plenty of room for Berlin to grow.



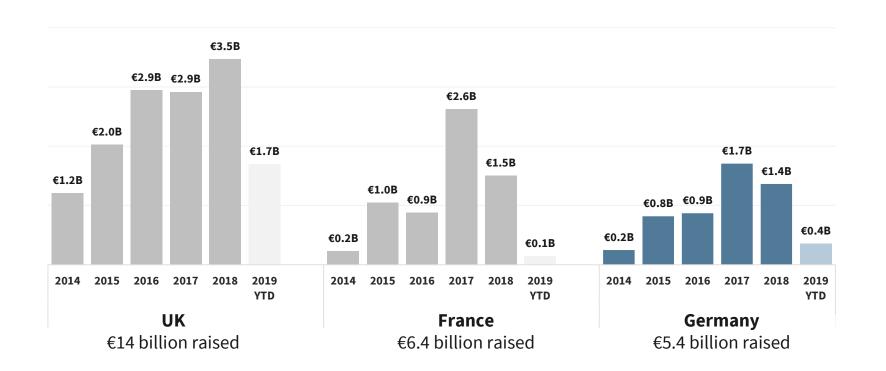


Investment per capita per city (2018)



French VC funds have raised €6.4 billion since 2014, which is a bit more than German VC funds, which have raised €5.4 billion.

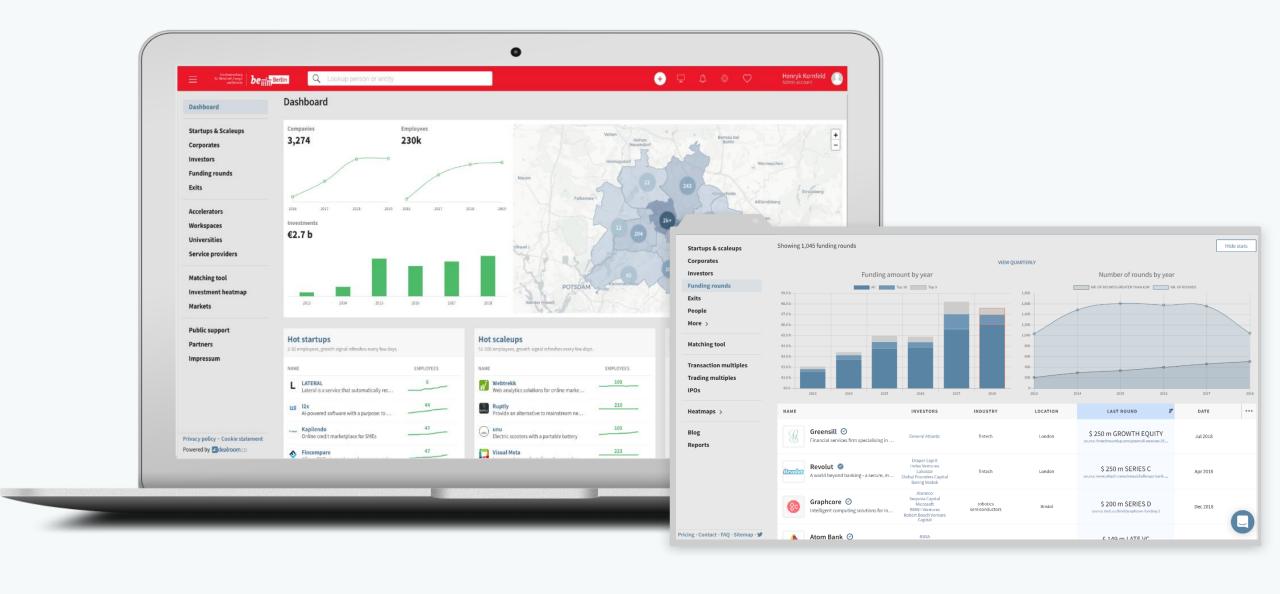
Capital raised by European VC funds



Selected recent German funds raises

	Project A
€175M Jun 2019	\$106M Mar 2019
BlueYard €120M Jan 2019	EARLYBIRD VINTURE CAT TAL €175M Jul 2018
High-Tech Gründerfonds €317m Jul 2018	TARGET GLOBAL \$100M Jun 2018
LEA PARTNERS €317m May 2018	€306m Jan 2018

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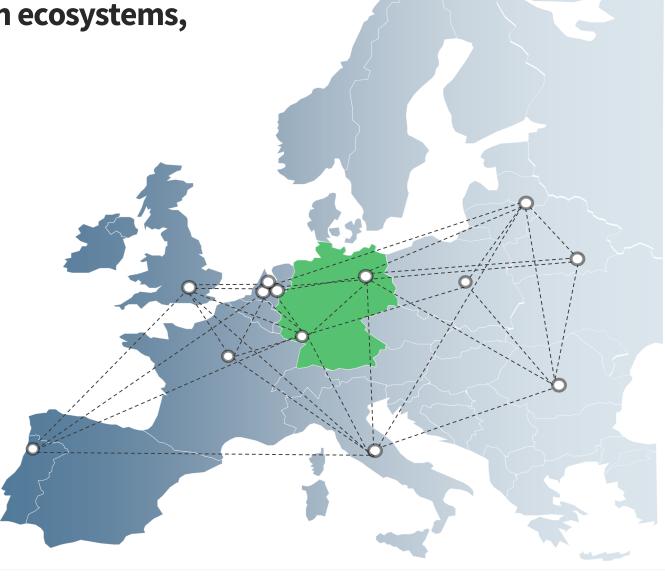






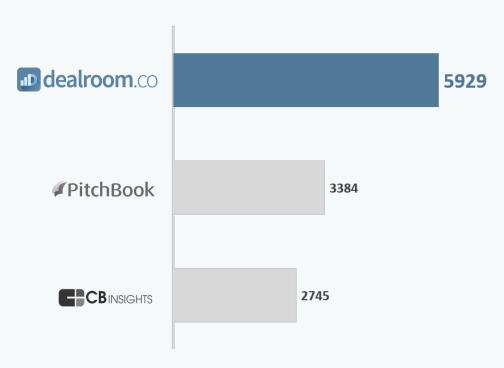






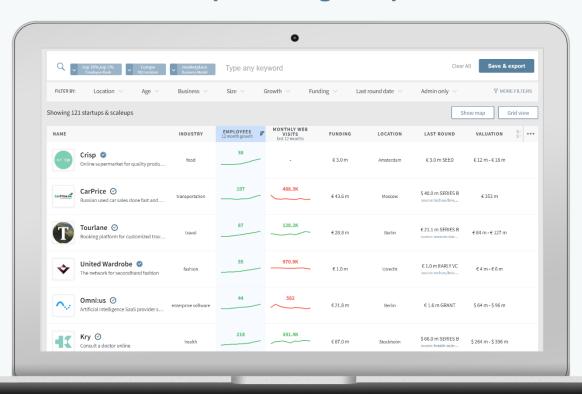
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Number of European rounds tracked in 2018

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