More capital for Industry 4.0 start-ups

Israel has earned the nickname of ‘start-up nation’ following the success of many Israeli start-up companies, including more than 6,000 founded since 2011. Israel has the largest number of start-ups per capita in the world, according to the World Economic Forum’s 2018 Global Competitiveness Report. Thanks to government incentives and the availability of highly trained human capital, Israel has become an attractive location for the research centres of leading multinationals, as evidenced by their level of investment in the country.

Several government programmes now support entrepreneurship among minority groups. For example, the Israeli Innovation Authority operates the grant-based Diverse Start-up Track for entrepreneurs from the ultra-Orthodox community wishing to develop or upgrade innovative products or perfect local manufacturing processes (IIA, 2020b).13

Figure 16.5: Representation of Israeli women in academic fields, 2017
Share of women among Israeli university graduates and senior academic staff (%)

Note: In Israel, the degree of Doctor of Medicine is considered to be the legal and academic equivalent of a master’s degree.

Source: Neaman Institute processing of Council for Higher Education and Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics data

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