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# European Union Democracy Observatory on CITIZENSHIP

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## THE EUROPEAN UNION DEMOCRACY OBSERVATORY ON CITIZENSHIP (EUDO CITIZENSHIP)

provides information on acquisition and loss of citizenship in Europe for policy makers, NGOs and academic researchers.

It is co-directed by Rainer Bauböck (EUI, Department of Political and Social Sciences) and Jo Shaw (University of Edinburgh Law School).

Its website is built by a network of experts all across Europe and provides access to a wide range of citizenship data and analyses.

Support for the project is provided by the European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals, the CITSEE project, the British Academy, and the IMISCOE Research Network.

## The COUNTRY PROFILE

pages offer comprehensive expert reports on the history and current citizenship legislation in the countries covered in the project, as well as the text of citizenship laws and international legal documents to which each country adheres. We have collected also relevant court decisions, academic publications and links to organisations concerned with citizenship matters.

## The COMPARATIVE CITIZENSHIP

section displays legal and social science experts' analyses of European trends. Reports focus for example on specific modes of acquisition, such as *ius soli*, naturalisation or extraterritorial acquisition of citizenship, or on commonalities of citizenship policies in particular European regions.



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## The NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP LAWS

database collects not only current and past nationality laws, but also decrees, constitutional provisions and other relevant legal texts.

## The INTERNATIONAL LEGAL NORMS

database allows you to search either for specific international legal documents to see which countries have signed or ratified these, or you can find out which international norms a particular country has subscribed to.

## The CITIZENSHIP CASE LAW

page provides English summaries and full texts in original language of important national or international court decisions concerning matters of citizenship and can be searched by country, year, institution or keyword.

## The EUROPEAN UNION CITIZENSHIP

section collects analyses and original documents on legal norms, court decisions and policy documents concerning the status and rights of citizenship in the EU, focusing on the impact of EU citizenship on national citizenship.

## The MODES OF ACQUISITION AND LOSS OF CITIZENSHIP

databases have been created from answers by our network experts to questionnaires about specific provisions in their countries' citizenship laws. A main goal of the observatory is to make legal rules for acquiring or losing citizenship comparable across countries. We have created a typology of 27 modes of acquisition and 15 modes of loss that captures most of the broad variety of legal regulations that we find in different countries. This feature of EUDO CITIZENSHIP allows you to create your own comparative overviews for specific ways of acquiring or losing citizenship status.

## The CITIZENSHIP STATISTICS

database provides information on the quality of national statistical data and allows you to create your own statistical tables by choosing countries, years, or specific modes of acquisition.

## The CITIZENSHIP FORUM

is a platform for debate about research hypotheses or political questions concerning the acquisition and loss of citizenship. We invite academic scholars, NGOs and policy makers to introduce their ideas in a broadly accessible comment or to respond to previous contributions.

## The CITIZENSHIP WORKING PAPER

series publishes peer reviewed academic contributions submitted by users of our website.

## The CITIZENSHIP NEWS

section provides short summaries of current political debates, legislative reforms or other matters concerning citizenship with links to online news reports. To contribute to the section, please write to [eucitac\\_assistant@eui.eu](mailto:eucitac_assistant@eui.eu)



*EUDO CITIZENSHIP contributes to understanding current trends in citizenship policies. Our goal is to provide academics, governments, international organisations and NGOs with information for research and evidence-based evaluation of public policies. The EUDO CITIZENSHIP website provides access to a rich collection of citizenship data and citizenship analyses at <http://eudo-citizenship.eu>.*

## The CITIZENSHIP LINKS

The CITIZENSHIP links section gives you access to the websites of national, European and international organisations (both governmental and non-governmental), leading academic research centres, networks, projects and journals dealing with citizenship issues.



## The CITIZENSHIP BIBLIOGRAPHY

Our CITIZENSHIP bibliography collects academic publications on citizenship, with a focus on the nationality laws of the states covered in our observatory. It includes hyperlinks to full texts available online. You can do a bibliographic search according to various criteria and also import specific items or the whole bibliography to your computer.



## The CITIZENSHIP GLOSSARY

For the purpose of comparing citizenship laws that often use different terms for similar legal rules, we have created our own CITIZENSHIP glossary. Apart from offering our own definitions we also provide on this page translations of the words "citizenship" and "nationality" into the official languages of the countries we observe and brief explanations by our network experts how these concepts are used in national laws and political debates.