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Countries Comparison of Residence and Citizenship Programs

EU Programs with Immediate Citizenship

EU Residence Programs with Schengen Privileges

Country							
	Austria	Cyprus	Malta	Belgium	Portugal	Spain	Greece
Type of Program	Citizenship	Citizenship	Residence Permit, leading to citizenship	Residence Permit, leading to citizenship	Residence Permit, leading to eligibility for citizenship application	Residence Permit	Residence Permit
Program Benefit	EU settlement and excellent visa-free travel	EU settlement and excellent visa-free travel	EU settlement and excellent visa-free travel	No minimum stay requirement and Schengen travel	7 days/year average stay requirement and Schengen travel	No minimum stay requirement and Schengen travel	No minimum stay requirement and Schengen travel
Minimum Time to Qualify for Citizenship	Immediate	Immediate	1 year	5 years of residence	6 years of residence	Legal residence of 10 years	Legal residence of 7 years
Application Processing Times	12-24 months	3-6 months	6 months	3-6 months	2-3 months	TBC (opens in Q2 2014)	Under 8 weeks
Minimum Investment	Over €3 million direct investment	1) €2.5 million in a residential real estate; or 2) €5 million bank deposit and €500,000 residential real estate	1) € 650,000 donation to NDSF; and 2) € 350,000 real estate purchase or €16,000 p.a. rental; and 3) € 150,000 eligible stocks, bonds or debentures	Investment in business set-up	1) €1 million capital investment; or 2) €500,000 real estate; Or 3) Creation of at least 10 new jobs	€500,000 Real estate investment	€250,000 Real estate investment
Min Capital Outlay for Single Applicant (in US\$)	Min US \$4.16 million	Min US \$3.47 million	Min US\$ 1.22 million	Case by case, but can be negligible (<US\$500,000)	Min US \$ 800,000	Min US \$ 700,000	Min US \$ 350,000
Term of Investment	Subjective	3 years	5 years for 2) and 3)	5 years	5 years	Indefinite	Indefinite
Passport Visa-free Travel	168 countries	151 countries	163 countries	171 countries	170 countries	170 countries	167 countries








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EU non-Schengen

Outside EU Residence Programs Leading to Citizenship

Outside EU with Immediate Citizenship

							
Country	Ireland	United Kingdom	Singapore	Quebec / Canada	USA	St Kitts & Nevis	Dominica
Type of Program	Entry clearance visa, leading to Indefinite Leave to remain and citizenship	Entry clearance visa, leading to Indefinite Leave to remain and citizenship	Permanent resident permit	Permanent resident permit	2- year resident visa, leading to a Green Card	Citizenship	Citizenship
Program Benefit	No minimum stay requirement	Expedited path to ILR and fast processing	Permanent resident status and expedited path to citizenship	Immediate permanent resident status	Relatively low cost to achieving a US Green Card	Minimal or no minimum stay requirement and excellent visa-free travel	No minimum stay requirement and very inexpensive Program
Minimum Time to Qualify for Citizenship	5 years of residence	5 years of residence	2 years of residence	3 years of uninterrupted residence	5 years of 'continuous' residence; 30 months of physical residence	Immediate	Immediate
Application Processing Times	Under 12 weeks	Under 8 weeks	8-10 months	24-48 months	12-18 months	2-8 months	6-12 months
Minimum Investment	£500,000 invested in an approved fund or £1 million in a government bond	£1 million/5 years; or £5 million/3 years; or £10 million/2 years; held in government bonds or stocks	SG\$2.5 Million in GIP fund or in a business	CA\$800,000 in Quebec Government Bond	US\$500,000 in a 'Regional Center' EB-5 Fund	1) US\$250,000 donation; or 2) US\$400,000 real estate purchase	US\$100,000 irrevocable investment US \$200,000 family option spouses plus 2 children
Min Capital Outlay for Single Applicant (in US\$)	Min US\$ 850,000	Min US\$ 1.7 million	US\$ 2 million	US \$ 730,000	US \$ 500,000	Min US \$ 250,000	Min US \$ 100,000
Term of Investment	5 years	5 /3 /2 years, depending on investment	5 years	5 years	5 years	5 years	5 years
Passport Visa-free Travel	170 countries	173 countries	167 countries	170 countries	172 countries	131 countries	87 countries & All Schengen States within 2015

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