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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.

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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 adheres. We have collected also relevant court decisions, academic publications and links to organisations concerned with citizenship matters.

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

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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.

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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 exist 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 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

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 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 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 on the meaning of these concepts which are used in national laws and political debates.