



Benchmark - Naturalisation in EU Member States

The situation in the Netherlands compared to other
EU Member States

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Background

- 2019 EMN study: Pathways to citizenship for third-country nationals in EU Member States
- 25 Member States and Norway participated in the study
AT, BE, BG, CY, CZ, DE, EE, EL, ES, FI, FR, HR, HU, IE, IT, LT, LV, MT, NL, PL, PT, SE, SK, NO, UK
- Benchmark EMN Netherlands:
 - analysis of the Dutch policy and practice compared to other EU Member States and Norway
 - publication follows upon EMN study at EU-level

Naturalisation

Ordinary naturalisation

Citizenship based on a certain period of stay in the country

Special naturalisation

Citizenship based on other aspects



Figures

- EU-wide:
± 656,000 non-EU migrants obtained citizenship in 2018.
Decrease of 2.2 % compared to 2017.
- Top 3 in 2018:
106,263 in UK
103,463 in Italy
95,978 in France
- In the **Netherlands**, 27,852 persons obtained Dutch citizenship in 2018 (including EU citizens).

Conditions for obtaining citizenship by naturalisation

❖ Residence and interruption of residence

❖ Citizenship test / civic integration test

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❖ Economic situation

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HU, IE, IT, LT, LV, PL, SK*

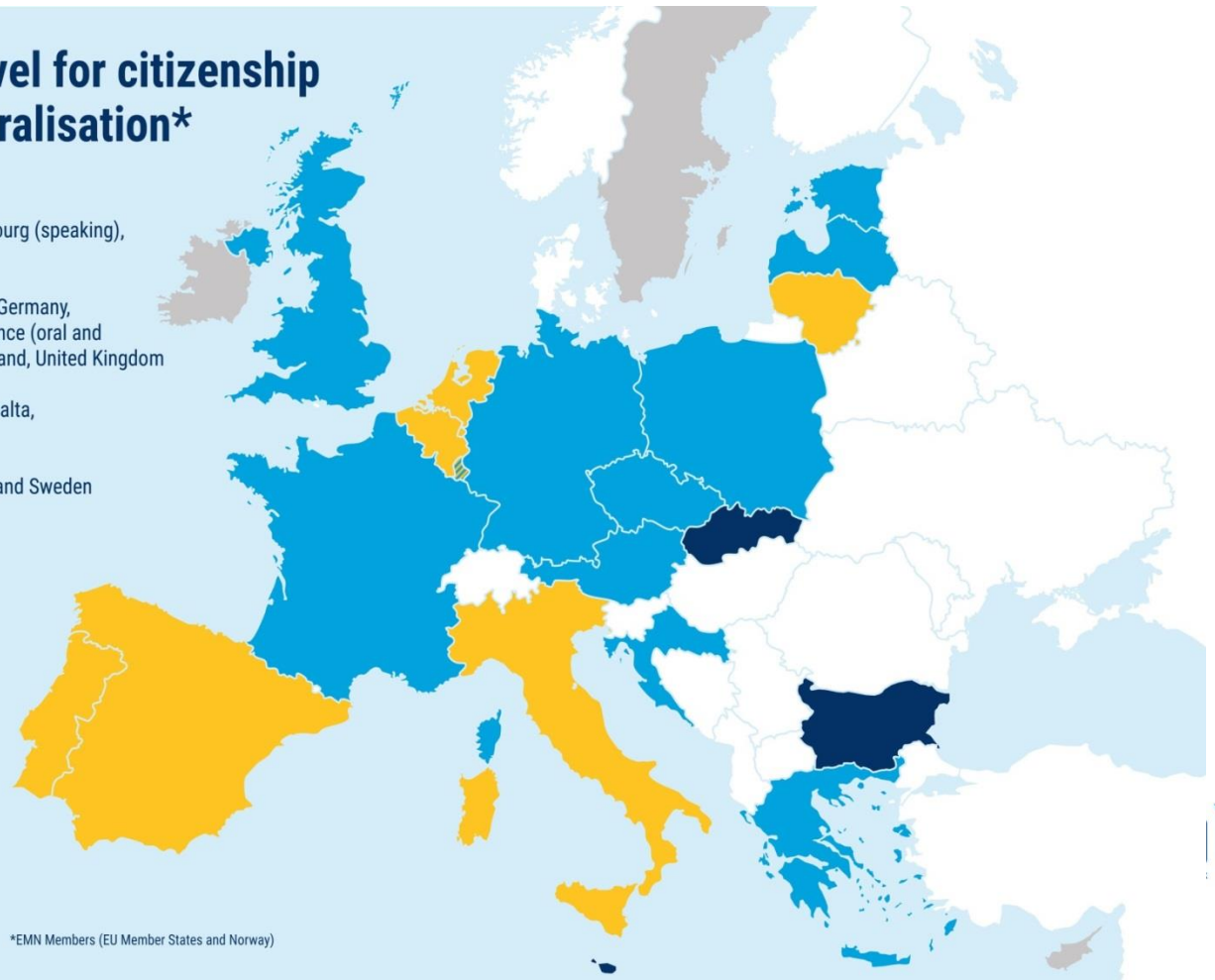
❖ Language requirements



Language requirements

Required language level for citizenship through ordinary naturalisation*

- A2 level** à Belgium, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg (speaking), Netherlands, Portugal, Spain,
- B1 level** à Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Estonia, Greece (speaking and reading), France (oral and written), Latvia, Luxembourg (listening), Poland, United Kingdom
- Elementary knowledge required:** Bulgaria, Malta, the Slovak Republic
- No language requirements:** Cyprus, Ireland and Sweden

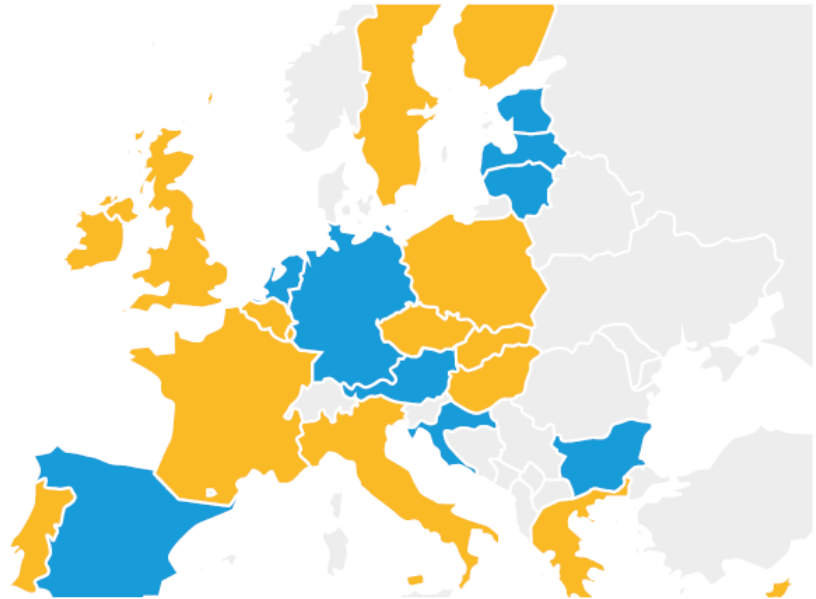
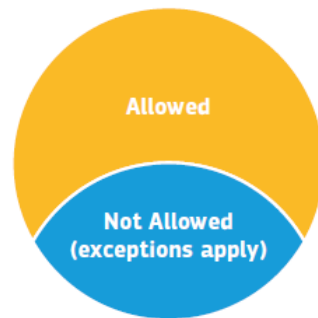


Procedural aspects of obtaining citizenship

- Decision period
- Reasons for a negative decision

Dual citizenship

MEMBER STATES' APPROACHES TO DUAL CITIZENSHIP



Source: EMN NCPs' reports

Dual citizenship: benefits and challenges



Thank you!