

# **Citizenship Program Summary**

## **Cyprus Citizenship for Foreign Investors**

The applicant should have direct investments in Cyprus amounting to a minimum of €2 million, held for at least three 3 years, in residential property

### **Additional Requirements**

- hold a Clear Criminal Record from the country of origin or/and the Cyprus Police
- confirm that the applicant's name is not included in the list of persons whose property is ordered to be frozen within the EU
- in case the investor's parents are included in the application, either purchase an additional property of at least €500.000, or the investor and parents acquire onether residential property of a total value, minimum €1mn
- the applicant must be resident before being granted citizenship, thus a simultaneous application for both residency and citizenship must be filed
- have at least one visit to Cyprus

The process to obtain the Cypriot citizenship is expected to take up to 6 months following the submission of the applications to the Government of the Republic of Cyprus.

The Benefits of Cyprus Citizenship by Exception Scheme

- Visa-free travel to over 157 countries worldwide
- No language proficiency tests
- Dual citizenship is allowed and the acquisition of Citizenship in Cyprus is not reported to other



### **Bulgarian Citizenship for Foreign Investors**

The first step of the naturalisation process is for the applicant to obtain permanent residence in Bulgaria by investing at least BGN 1.000.000 (€511.292) in Bulgarian state bonds.

Once the investor has acquired permanent residence status, they may apply for the fast-track option to naturalisation by fulfilling the below additional requirements:

- Have at least 1 year of Permanent Resident status; and
- Have a combined net worth greater than BGN 2.000.000 (€1.022.000), by doubling their initial investment by investing an additional €511.292 in government bonds.

The process to obtain the citizenship of Bulgaria is expected to take up to 24 months.

The Benefits of Bulgarian Citizenship by Investment Programme

- Fast process to residency (six to nine months)
- Fast-track option allowing for citizenship within two years
- No language requirements for residence or citizenship
- Dual nationality is permitted
- Bulgarian passport holders enjoy visa-free travel to over 140 countries



### Malta's Individual Investor Programme

To qualify for Malta Citizenship by Investment, the main applicant must fulfill the following requirements:

- contribute at least €650.000 to Malta's e National Development and Social Fund.
- invest at least €150.000 in government approved bonds, shares or debentures which must be kept for at least five years
- make an investment in residential property of at least €350.000 or enter a property rental contract for at least €16.000 per year for a minimum period of five years

The contribution and investments are made after the approval of the applicant's citizenship application.

#### Additional requirements

- Be at least 18 years old
- Undergo a 'fit and proper' test
- Demonstrate a clean criminal record
- Demonstrate that they are healthy
- Must be covered by an international insurance policy

The Certificate of naturalisation (and passport) is issued 12 months after the date on the residence permit

The benefits of the Malta Individual Investor Programme

- Visa free travel to more than 120 countries
- EU Member State allowing its citizens the right to live and work in any other EU Member State
- Maltese citizenship allows its holder free travel within the 26 members of the Schengen zone
- Safe, secure and pleasant lifestyle
- One of the lowest crime rates worldwide
- Excellent healthcare facilities
- No wealth, inheritance or gift tax

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