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Mission

Democracy is government accountable to citizens. But how do states determine who their citizens are and who can participate in elections? Our mission is to answer these questions in a non-partisan way. GLOBALCIT is the most important source of information on citizenship laws and access to the franchise. It provides user-friendly open access to a comprehensive collection of data and analyses for academic researchers and policy communities.

Network

GLOBALCIT relies on a network of academic experts who write country reports, collect legal documents and provide input for our comparative databases. Currently our network includes 175 country experts and 134 external contributors.

Research

Themes: GLOBALCIT publishes databases, analyses and indicators on access to citizenship and electoral rights

Scope: GLOBALCIT currently covers 92 countries in the Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania

Projects and funding: GLOBALCIT has received funding for projects from the European Integration Fund, the British Academy, the European Parliament and the Research Council of the EU.

Resources for academic and policy communities

Country profiles: up to date reports, legislation, news and statistics on citizenship and electoral rights.

Legal databases: most comprehensive online collection of citizenship and electoral laws, with user-friendly search menus and direct links to full texts.

Comparative databases: allow users to compare acquisition and loss of citizenship and barriers to electoral franchise across countries and over time

Indicators: measure how inclusive legal provisions are. Users can create their own charts and maps as well as download the data.

Forum debates: expert online discussions on questions that are at the centre of academic and political debates.

Commentaries: comments and analyses of current issues.

News: unique repository of media reports on significant legislative changes, court decisions and policy developments.

Partners

GLOBALCIT brings together the expertise of the European University Institute's Global Governance Programme (GGP), the University of Edinburgh and the Maastricht Center for Citizenship, Migration and Development (MACIMIDE). These partners with their permanent research teams form the core of GLOBALCIT. They are represented by the three co-directors of the observatory, Rainer Bauböck, Jo Shaw and Maarten Vink.

Key figures

Over **300** publications including Country Reports, Comparative Analyses and Working Papers

7,000 monthly visitors to the EUDO CITIZENSHIP website on average in 2016

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Timeline

2008

EUDO CITIZENSHIP established as one of four European Union Democracy Observatories

2009

Comparative databases on modes of acquisition and loss of citizenship

2012

Geographic expansion to the Southern and Eastern European neighbourhood

2013

Launch of Citizenship Indicators



2014

Thematic expansion from citizenship status to access to the franchise

2015

Geographic expansion to North and South American states



2015

ELECLAW indicators on access to the franchise

2017

EUDO Citizenship becomes the Global Citizenship Observatory (GLOBALCIT)