GLOBALCIT is the successor of the EUDO Citizenship Observatory and the most important online source of information on citizenship laws and electoral rights worldwide. 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 into our comparative databases on citizenship and electoral rights. Currently our network includes 202 country experts and 169 external contributors.

RESEARCH
Themes
- Citizenship
- Electoral Rights

Core Activities
- Database Creation
- Comparative Analysis

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.

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Key figures
- Over 300 open access publications including Country Reports, Comparative Analyses and Working Papers
- 31,000 users of the new GLOBALCIT website since January 2018
- 100,000 page views with 40 per cent of returning users

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 electoral rights
- 2015: Geographic expansion to the Americas
- 2015: ELECLAW indicators on electoral rights
- 2017: EUDO Citizenship becomes the Global Citizenship Observatory (GLOBALCIT)
- 2018: GLOBALCIT formally becomes one of the research areas of the Global Governance Programme
AREAS OF RESEARCH

CITIZENSHIP LAW
- 27 modes of citizenship acquisition
- 15 modes of citizenship loss
- 175 countries

ELECTORAL RIGHTS
- Voting rights
- Candidacy rights
- Resident citizens
- Citizens abroad
- Foreign residents

PROJECTS

The EU-CITZEN Network aims to provide the European Commission with the best scholarly knowledge on the rights of EU citizenship. As a member of this network, GLOBALCIT investigates political participation of EU citizens in local and European Parliament elections.

FAIR EU (Fostering Awareness Inclusion and Recognition) aims to foster the successful inclusion of EU mobile citizens in their host EU country’s civic and political life. Within this collaborative project, GLOBALCIT studies difficulties EU citizens face when exercising their rights.

Project staff: Alina Ostling, Maria Haag and Oliver Garner are research associates on these two projects.

RESOURCES FOR ACADEMIC AND POLICY COMMUNITIES

Country profiles
- up to date reports, legislation, and news on citizenship and electoral rights

Legal databases
- the 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 rights 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 citizenship that are at the centre of academic and political debates

Blog
- comments on recent developments and analyses of current issues

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

Publications
- country and comparative reports, working papers, policy analyses