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Move to Europe 2026

17 residence routes and 18 company formation countries compared: the funds you need, our fees, timelines, tax and how hard each route really is.

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How to read **this guide**

Most European residence routes are tied to something you do in the country: run a company, work for yourself, study or invest. That is why this guide puts residence and company formation side by side. Start with the residence table to see what each country asks for, then check the company facts for the countries on your shortlist. Your spouse and children can join you on every route listed here.

RESIDENCE ROUTES

17 European countries **compared**

Country	Funds required (approx.)	Our service fee	Difficulty
 Serbia	No minimum required	\$8,000	Easiest
 Portugal	About \$12,500 (+\$6,300 spouse, +\$3,800 per child)	\$11,400	Easy
 Czech Republic	Proof of income	\$6,800	Moderate
 Slovakia	About \$5,700	\$9,100	Moderate
 Hungary	About \$8,800	\$10,300	Moderate
 Germany	Assessed case by case	\$16,000	Hard
 Poland	About \$1,400, plus strong income	\$9,100	Hard
 Finland	Proof you can support yourself	\$9,100	Hard
 Netherlands	Assessed case by case	\$13,700	Hard
 Spain	Proof of living funds	\$13,700	Moderate to hard
 Croatia	About \$2,900	\$11,400	Hard
 Lithuania	About \$31,900	\$18,200	Hard
 France	About \$34,200	\$18,200	Hard
 Malta	About \$28,500	From \$11,400	Moderate
 Estonia	About \$74,100	\$5,700	Hard
 Austria	Around \$114,000	On request	Very hard
 Italy	Proof of funds and income (yearly quotas)	\$13,700	Very hard

Serbia is in Europe but not in the Schengen area, so a Serbian residence permit does not give visa-free travel to Schengen countries. Many clients use it as a fast, affordable first step before moving on to an EU country.

OUR TOP PICKS

Where most clients **start**



Serbia

Easiest and lowest cost to get started. No minimum funds, 15% tax, residence for owners and family.



Portugal

Lowest requirements in the EU, with full Schengen mobility and a path to citizenship after 5 years.



Czech Republic

Affordable and straightforward, with a business residence route.



Hungary

Clear process, modest costs and the EU's lowest corporate tax at 9%.



Germany

Strong economy and a fast path to settlement for successful founders.



Qatar

Outside Europe: 100% foreign-owned company with residence sponsorship in Doha.

18 countries at a glance

Country	Entity	Minimum capital	Formation time	Corporate tax
 Serbia	DOO	RSD 100 (about €1)	5–7 working days	15% corporate income tax
 Portugal	Lda	€1 per shareholder (most clients start with €1,000–€5,000)	1–3 working days with Empresa na Hora, 1–2 weeks with a custom deed	20% corporate income tax
 Czech Republic	s.r.o.	CZK 1 (about €0.04)	1–2 weeks including the trade licence	21% corporate income tax
 Slovakia	s.r.o.	€5,000 declared (no bank deposit certificate required)	2–3 weeks	21% corporate income tax
 Hungary	Kft.	HUF 3,000,000 (about €7,500), can be paid over time	1–5 working days through the electronic simplified procedure	9% corporate income tax, the lowest in the EU, plus local business tax up to 2%
 Germany	GmbH, or UG	GmbH €25,000 (€12,500 paid in at formation); UG from €1	2–6 weeks including notary and bank account	About 30% all-in
 Poland	sp. z o.o.	PLN 5,000 (about €1,150)	1–7 working days through the S24 online system	19% corporate income tax
 Finland	Oy	€0 (no minimum since 2019)	1–3 weeks via the PRH online service	20% corporate income tax
 Netherlands	BV	€0.01	1–2 weeks with a Dutch civil-law notary	19% on profit up to €200,000, 25.8% above
 Spain	SL	€1 (until the legal reserve reaches €3,000)	1–3 weeks via the CIRCE fast-track	25% corporate income tax
 Croatia	d.o.o.	€2,500 for a d.o.o.; €1 for a j.d.o.o.	1–2 weeks via START or HITRO.HR	18% corporate income tax
 Lithuania	UAB	€1,000	3–5 working days online, 1–2 weeks via notary	16% corporate income tax
 France	SAS/SASU, or SARL for family businesses	€1	1–2 weeks through the INPI one-stop portal	25% corporate income tax
 Malta	Private limited company	€1,165 (20% paid up, so €233 at formation)	1–2 weeks	35% headline with a refund system that leaves an effective 5% for non-resident shareholders

Country	Entity	Minimum capital	Formation time	Corporate tax
 Estonia	OÜ	€0.01	Same day online with e-Residency; 1–2 weeks via notary	0% on retained profits; corporate income tax
 Austria	GmbH	€10,000 (half paid in at formation)	2–4 weeks via a notary	23% corporate income tax
 Italy	S.r.l., or the simplified S.r.l.s. from €1	€1 for an S.r.l.s.; €10,000 for a standard S.r.l. (25% paid at formation)	1–2 weeks via an Italian notary	24% IRES plus regional IRAP of about 3.9%
 Qatar	LLC	No statutory minimum for most activities; QAR 200,000 is commonly shown for an LLC	2–4 weeks for an LLC; 2–3 weeks for a QFC licence	10% corporate income tax on the foreign-owned share of profit; 0% for 20 years in Qatar Free Zones

HOW IT WORKS

Five steps to **your new home**

1. Consultation

Tell us your goals and family.

2.

Recommendation

Best country and a written quote.

3. Agreement

Sign and send your documents.

4. Filing

Partner lawyers prepare and file.

5. Move

Collect your permit and go.

Not included in our fees: government fees, required funds or deposits, certified translations, apostilles, health insurance, flights and accommodation. We list these upfront in your quote. Visas and residence permits are decided by each country's government, so approval can't be guaranteed. Figures are estimates in US dollars, change often and are confirmed after consultation. Residency does not automatically grant citizenship or a second passport.

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