



A study by citizenship consultancy firm Henley and Partners analysed the programmes offered by different governments across the world, ranking them by value, quality and reputation among other metrics.

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Here are the EU countries that performed the best for cheap and easy access to residency.

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12. Bulgaria - A deposit of around €500,000 in a Bulgarian government bond portfolio for five years is enough to qualify for Bulgaria's residency programme.

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11. Greece - After being granted a so-called "D" visa, investors can apply for Greek residency after purchasing properties with a total value of €250,000.

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10. Cyprus - The Mediterranean island offers a low corporation tax of 12.5% for residents' businesses but to apply you need to buy a property worth more than €300,000.



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9. Monaco - Residents of Monaco are not subject to income tax, capital gains tax or wealth tax and are able to travel visa-free to all Schengen area countries.

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8. Jersey - The island of Jersey is attractive for its low tax regime and mild climate. The minimum investment for residency costs £125,000 a year and is only open to those earning more than £625,000.

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7. United Kingdom - The UK might not be cheap but it is an attractive destination for rich families looking for good private schooling. The residency programme is tiered, asking for £2 million, £5 million and £10 million from investors.

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6. Latvia - To obtain a Latvian temporary residence permit, one has to buy real estate worth €250,000 and pay a 5% government fee.

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5. Spain - The country has a similar programme to Portugal, and a resident permit can be obtained by buying a €500,000 house or investing €2 million in Spanish government debt.

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4. Malta - Malta applies a low 15% tax rate for permanent residents, and the programme can be accessed for relatively little money — the purchase of a €275,000 property should do it.

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3. Portugal - To obtain Portuguese residency one can create 10 jobs with a business, transfer €1 million into a Portuguese bank or buy a house for €500,000.

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2. Belgium - A Belgian residency application takes as little as two months to process and employment in the country may be a qualifier on its own, negating the need for investment.

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1. Austria - Austria offers 10 different types of residency permit that do not require an investment and which can be used for visa-free travel across the Schengen area.

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