

FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE

“All EU citizens have the right to move and reside freely within the European Union”. Really? How does it work?



CONDITIONS

Free movement of persons enables every EU citizen to travel, work and live in an EU country without special formalities.

But a few conditions apply depending on the duration of your stay!

Up to 3 months: no paperwork of any kind! You **only have to hold a valid identity card** ... which is probably required in your home country anyway ;)

More than 3 months: the EU country you want to stay in can ask you to **show that you are financially autonomous**. Many situations qualify: if you got a job there or are a freelance, if you are a student with sufficient financial support ... or even if you have enough savings.

... what if I come back?

As an EU citizen, **any right you have acquired follows you** everywhere in the European Union!

Specific EU laws and procedures are set so that the following transfer, with you, from one EU country to another:

- **Pension rights**
- **Unemployment benefits**
- **Health insurance**



FAMILY MEMBERS

As long as you respect these conditions, free movement also applies to your family! Even if not EU citizens themselves, relatives can follow you:

- Your **spouse or civil partner**;
- Your **child or grandchild**, or even your spouse's (under 21 years old)
- Your **dependent parent or grandparent**, or your spouse's
- **Other direct, dependent relatives** (e.g. great grandparents, great grandchildren ...)



NO DISCRIMINATION

Residents from another EU country can't be treated differently by a country than its own nationals.

Concretely, that means you get the **same duties and rights**.

For instance, the state can **tax you the same way but not more than nationals**, you are entitled to **unemployment benefits on the same terms** if you have worked in that country, etc.