

Europe residence visa comparison chart

39 open routes: who they are for, the income you need and the path to permanent residence.

Visa	Min. income / month	Path to permanent residence
Austria Red-White-Red Card	€3,465	Long-term resident - EU status after 5 years
Croatia Digital Nomad Temporary Stay	€3,622	Not designed as a route to permanent residence
Cyprus Digital Nomad Visa	€3,500	Not addressed on the official page
Cyprus Permanent Residence by Investment	€4,167	It is permanent residence
Czech Freelance / Business Visa	See page	Permanent residence generally follows five years of continuous residence
Denmark Work Permit	€6,154	8 years of legal residence, or 4 years if you meet all the supplementary...
Estonia Digital Nomad Visa	€4,500	None directly. It is a visa for temporary stays, not a residence permit
Estonia e-Residency	See page	None. e-Residency does not grant residence, permanent residence or...
France Freelance and Entrepreneur Visa	€1,867	About 5 years of residence
France Long-Stay Visitor Visa	€1,478	Not straightforward: the visitor card allows no work and the service-public...
France Talent Passport	€3,299	About 5 years of residence leads to long-term residence options
Germany EU Blue Card	€4,225	Settlement permit after 27 months with A1 German, or after 21 months with B1...
Germany Freelance Visa	See page	A settlement permit can be applied for after 3 years under the...
Germany Opportunity Card	€1,091	No direct route: switch to a work permit such as the Blue Card or a skilled...
Greece Digital Nomad Visa and Residence Permit	€3,500	Not stated on the pages read
Greece Financially Independent Person Visa	€2,000	Greek law offers long-term residence after about 5 years of legal residence
Greece Golden Visa	See page	No automatic permanent residence or citizenship: normal Greek rules apply and...
Hungary Guest Investor Residence Permit	See page	Not stated on the official guest-investor pages
Hungary White Card	€3,000	None. Holders cannot apply for another Hungarian residence permit during...
Ireland Citizenship by Descent	See page	Not applicable: citizenship is the final status
Ireland Critical Skills Employment Permit	€3,409	After 60 months of residency permission you can apply for long-term residence
Italy Digital Nomad Visa	€2,125	5 years of legal residence for the EU long-term residence permit
Italy Elective Residency Visa	€2,583	5 years of residence for the EU long-term residence permit, subject to income...
Italy Investor Visa	See page	Not stated on the official page
Malta Nomad Residence Permit	€3,500	None: the permit does not lead to permanent residence or citizenship
Malta Permanent Residence Programme	See page	The programme is permanent residence
Netherlands DAFT Visa	See page	Permanent residence after 5 years of residence with a permit
Netherlands Highly Skilled Migrant Permit	€5,942	Permanent residence after 5 years
Norway Skilled Worker Residence Permit	See page	You can apply for permanent residence after 3 years
Portugal D2 Visa	See page	5 years of legal residence
Portugal D7 Visa	€920	5 years of legal residence for permanent residence
Portugal D8 Digital Nomad Visa	€3,680	5 years of legal residence for permanent residence
Portugal Golden Visa	See page	5 years for permanent residence
Spain Digital Nomad Visa	€2,442	5 years of legal residence for long-term residence
Spain Entrepreneur Visa	€600	5 years of legal residence for long-term residence
Spain Non-Lucrative Visa	€2,400	5 years of legal residence for long-term residence
Start-up Denmark	€1,708	8 years of legal residence, or 4 years if you meet all the supplementary...
Sweden Self-Employed Permit	See page	Permanent residence permits are generally no longer granted from 12 July 2026
Switzerland B Work Permit	See page	C settlement permit after 10 years in general